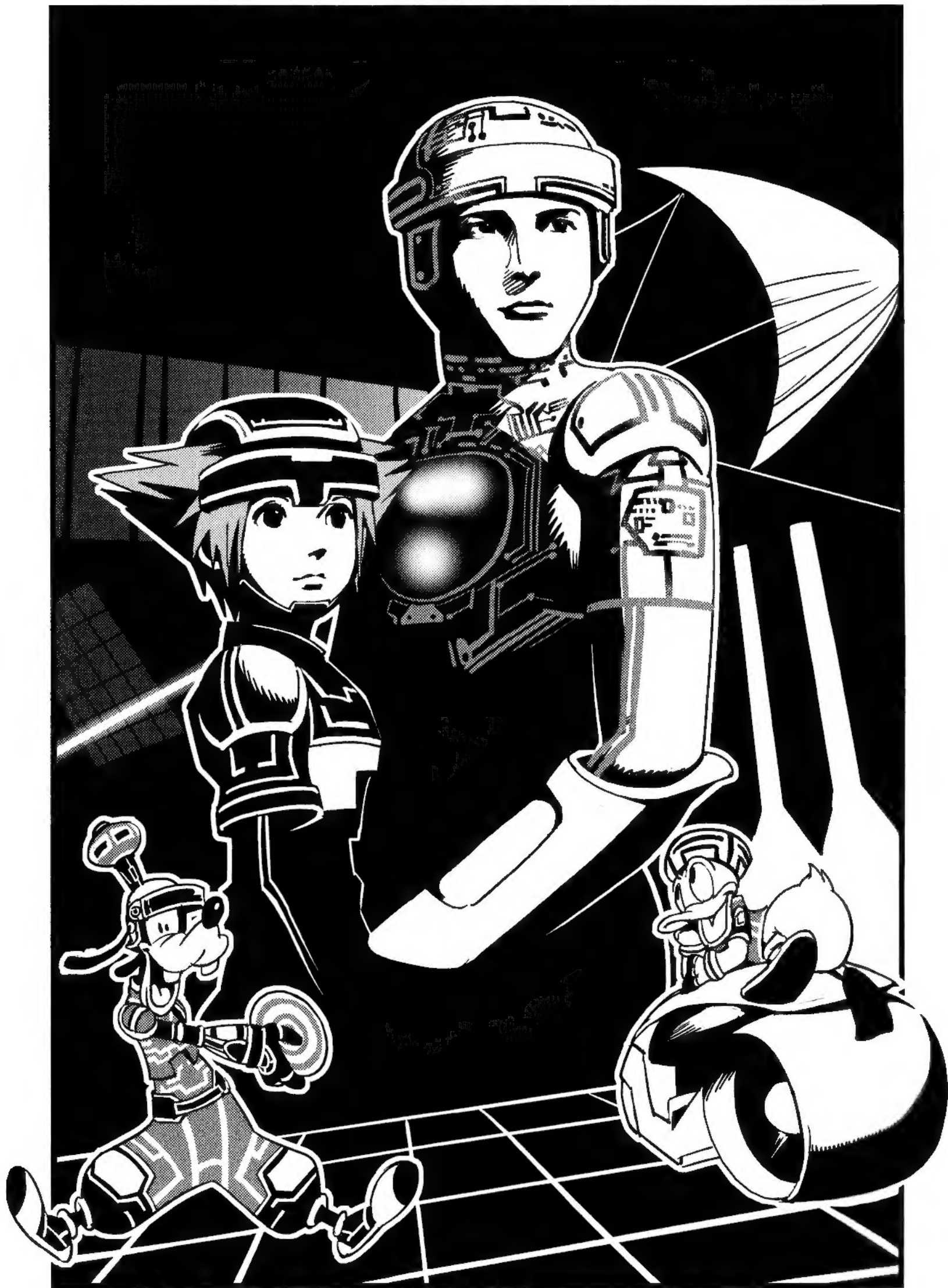


## Chapter 40: Space Paranoids



**WARNING**

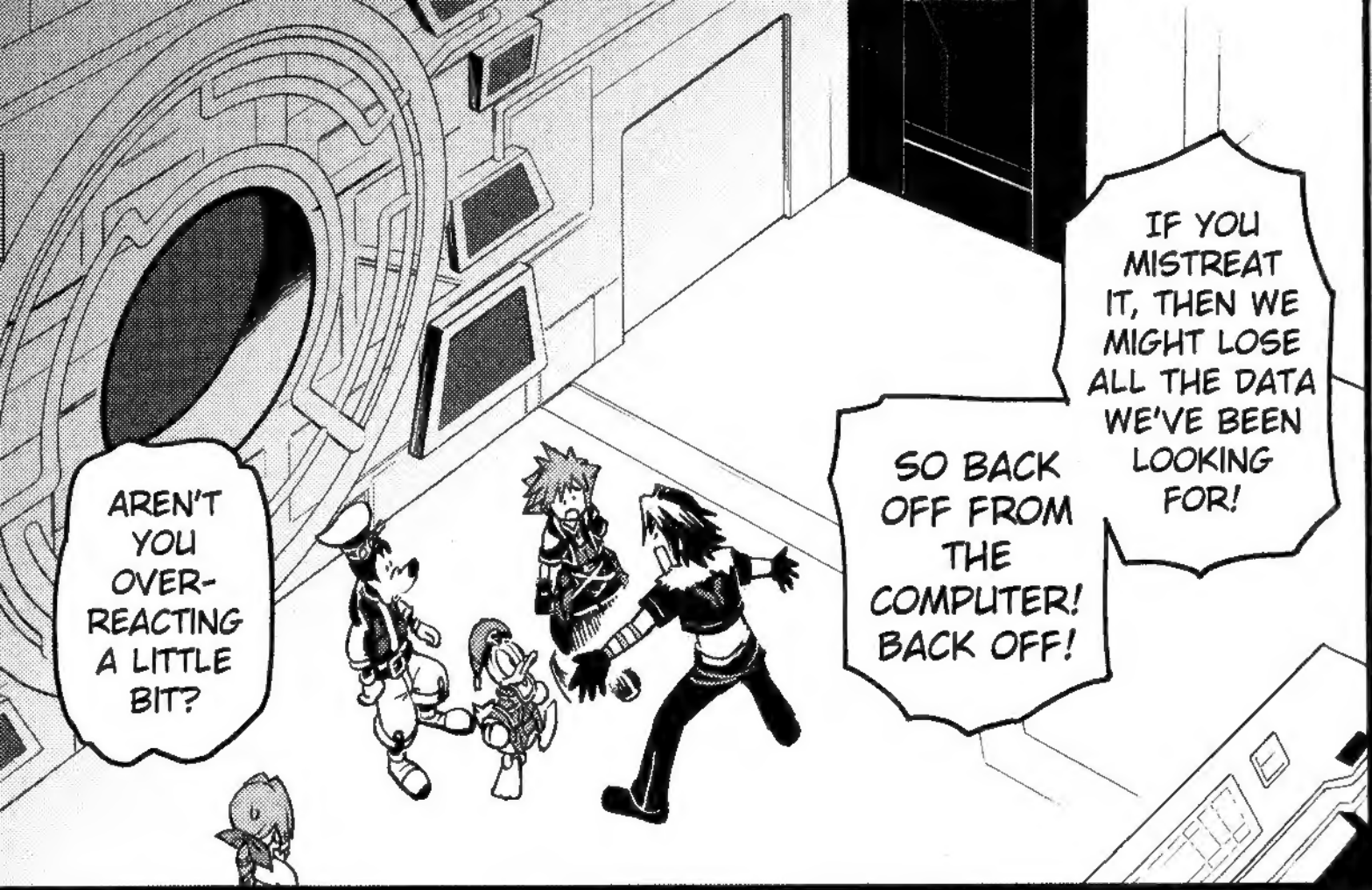
THIS IS  
A WARNING  
TO THE  
INTERFERING  
USER.

I AM THE  
MCP.

FROM HERE ON,  
IF YOU CONTINUE TO  
OPERATE THE  
SYSTEM VIOLENTLY,  
YOU WILL BE  
RECOGNIZED AS AN  
ENEMY.

I TOLD YOU —  
COMPUTERS  
ARE DELICATE!

...BUT  
ALL I DID  
WAS KNOCK  
IT AROUND  
A LITTLE...



AREN'T  
YOU  
OVER-  
REACTING  
A LITTLE  
BIT?

SO BACK  
OFF FROM  
THE  
COMPUTER!  
BACK OFF!

IF YOU  
MISTREAT  
IT, THEN WE  
MIGHT LOSE  
ALL THE DATA  
WE'VE BEEN  
LOOKING  
FOR!



UM...

IT'S MY  
RESPON-  
SIBILITY TO  
RECOVER  
THE DATA  
FROM THE  
COMPUTER!

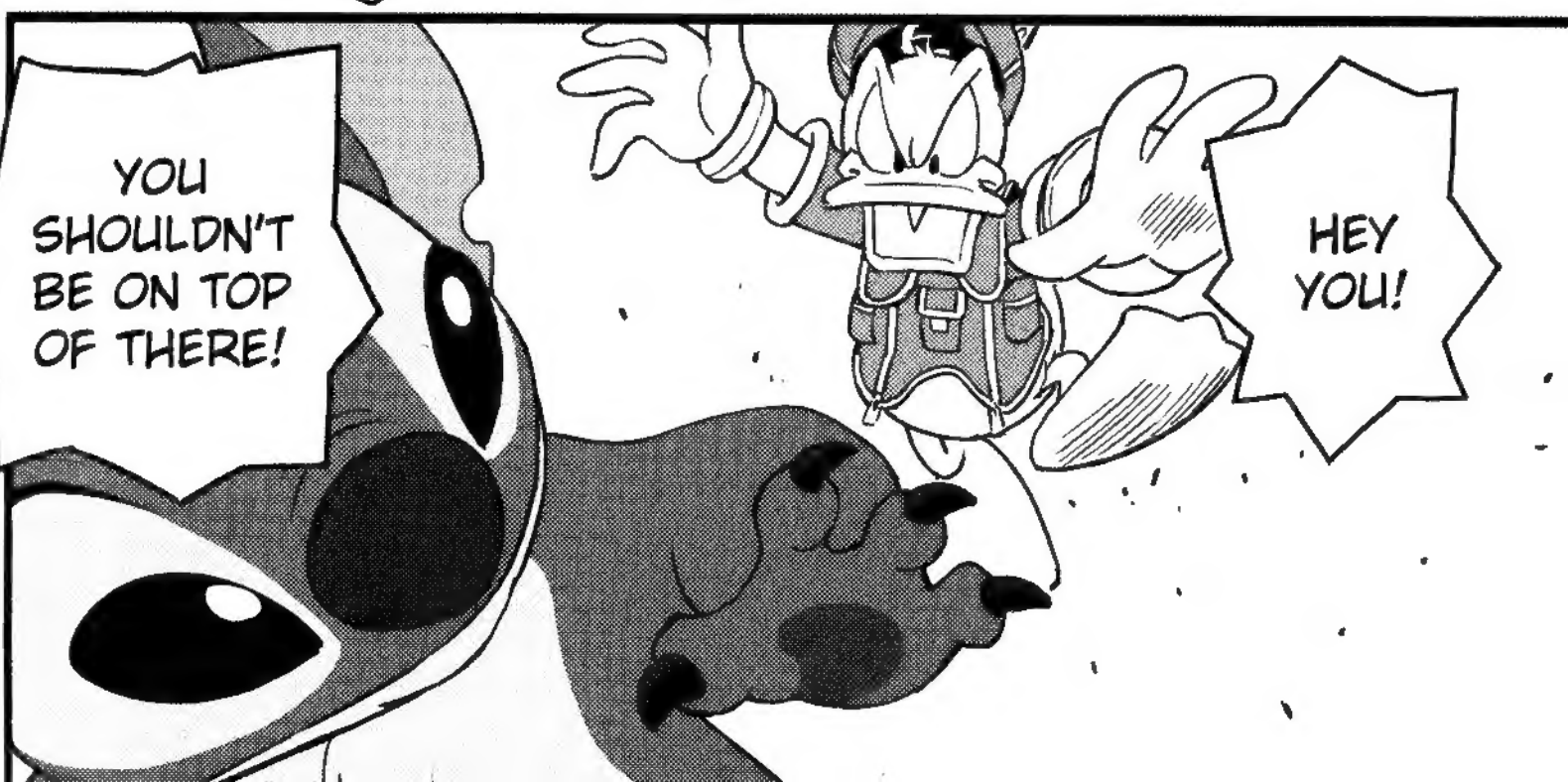


I'M OVER-  
REACTING?  
IF YOU DON'T  
CALM DOWN,  
WE MIGHT NOT  
BE ABLE TO  
RECOVER  
ANYTHING!



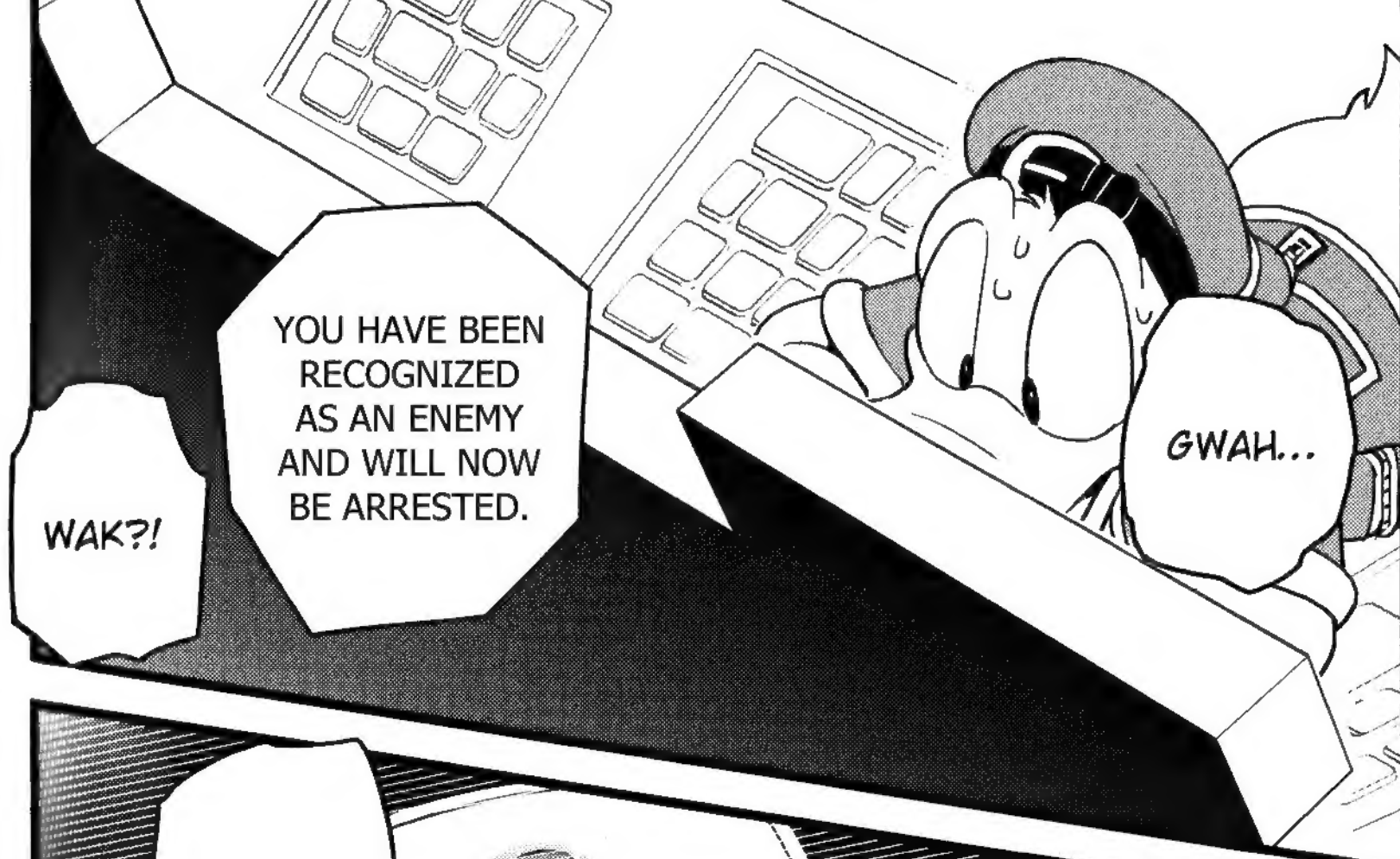
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YOU HAVE BEEN  
RECOGNIZED  
AS AN ENEMY  
AND WILL NOW  
BE ARRESTED.

WAK?!

GWAH...



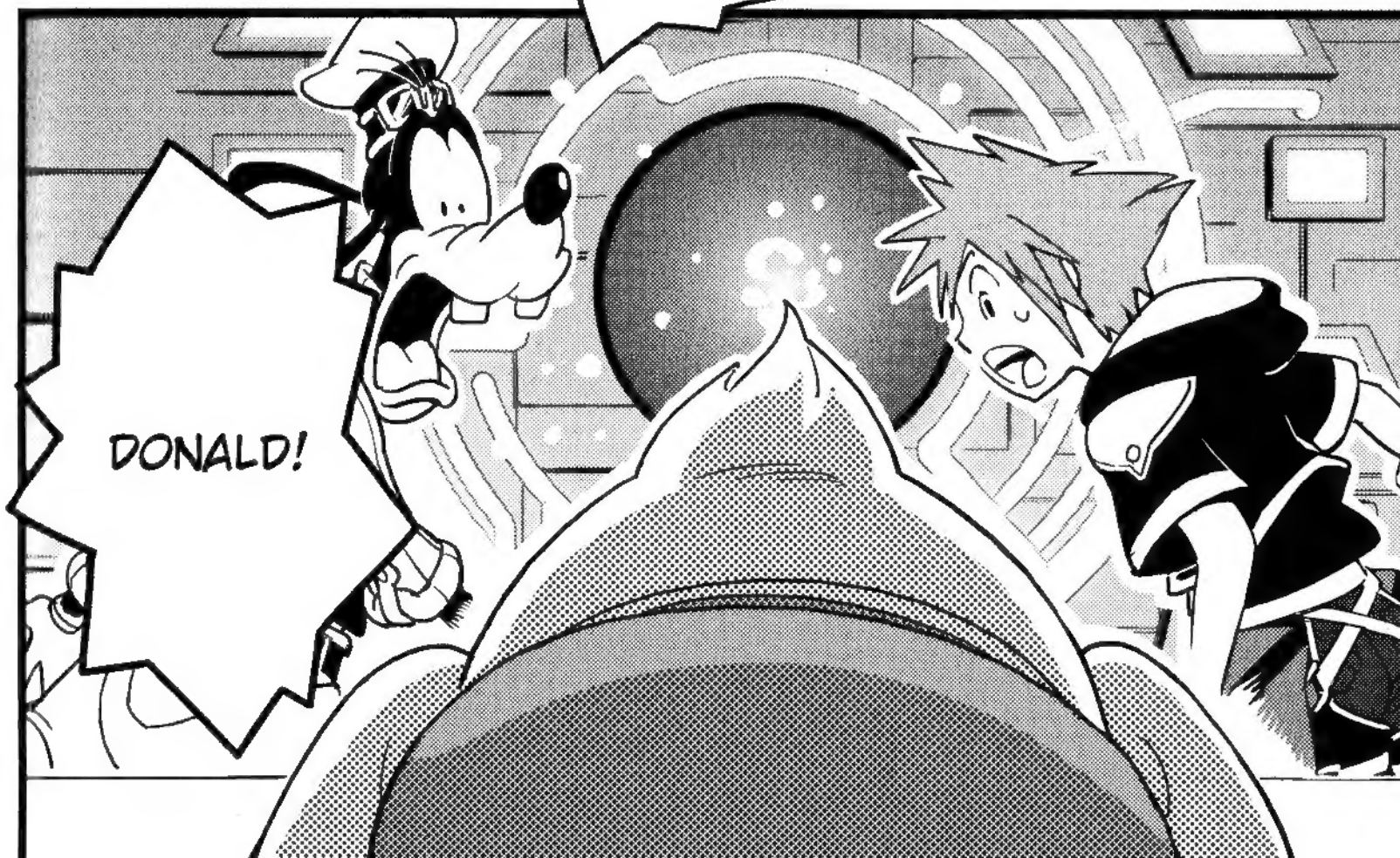
ARRESTED?!

TARGET  
LOCK ON



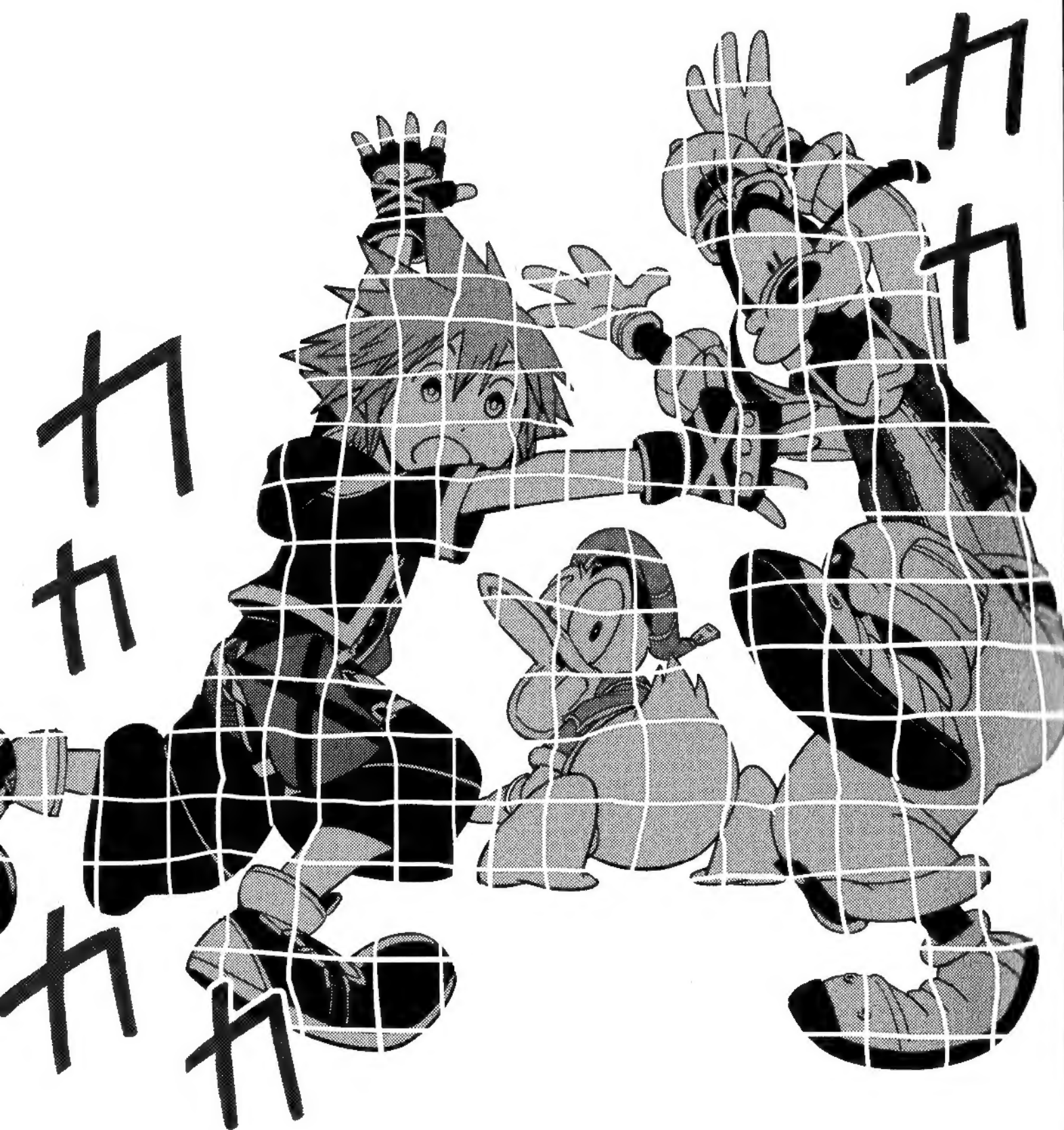
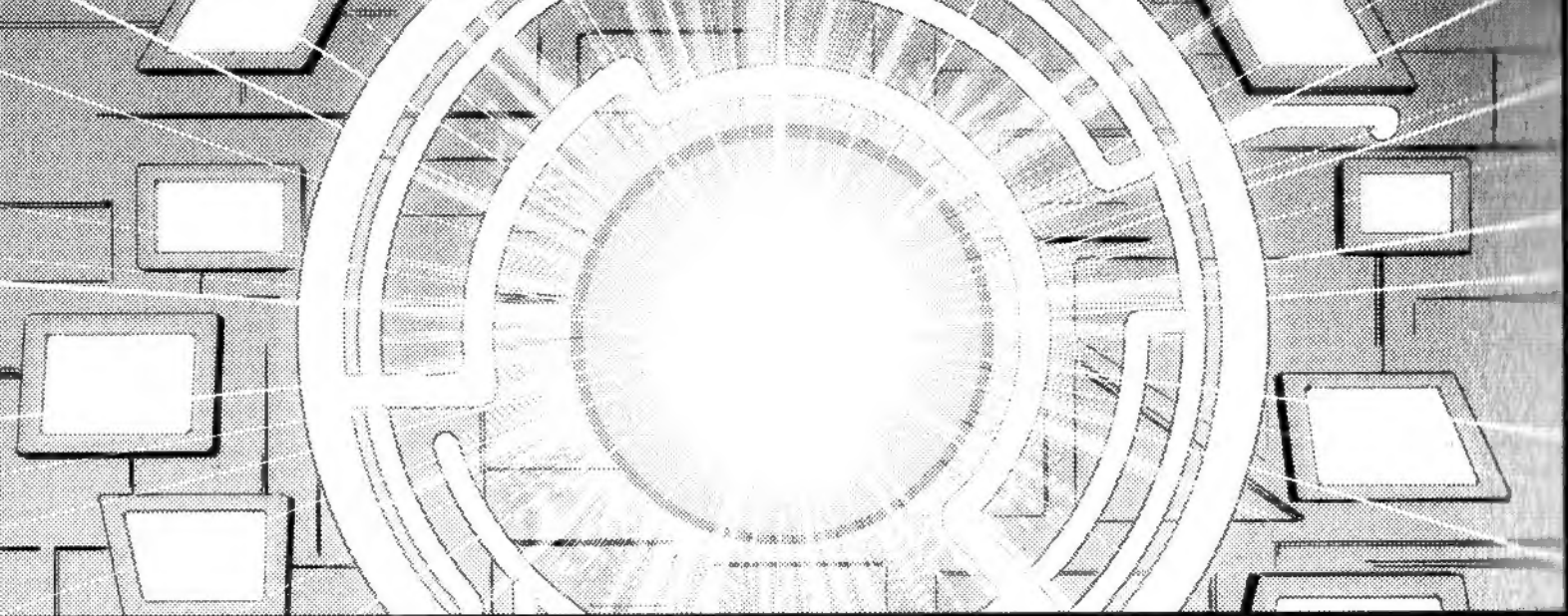
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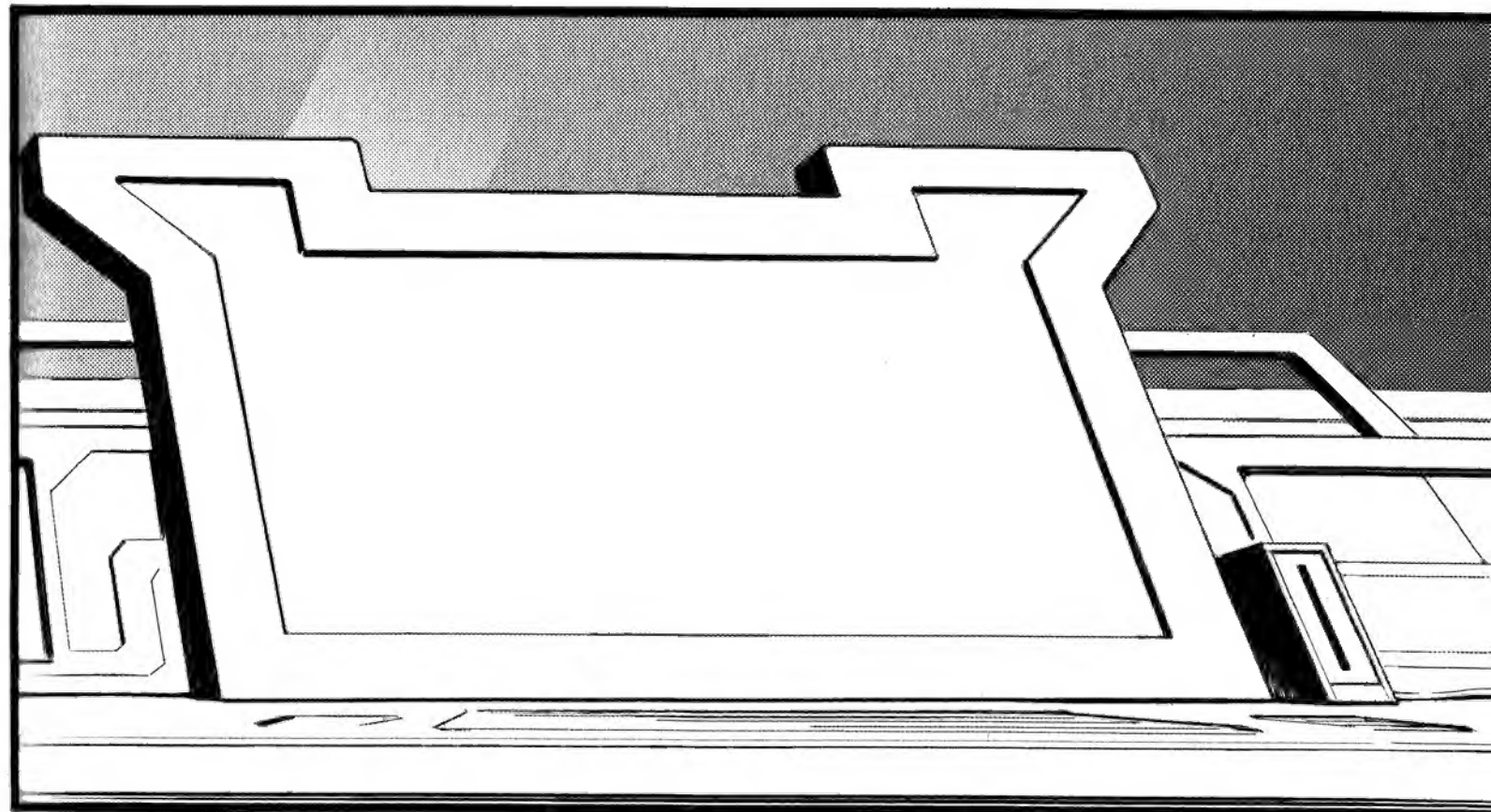
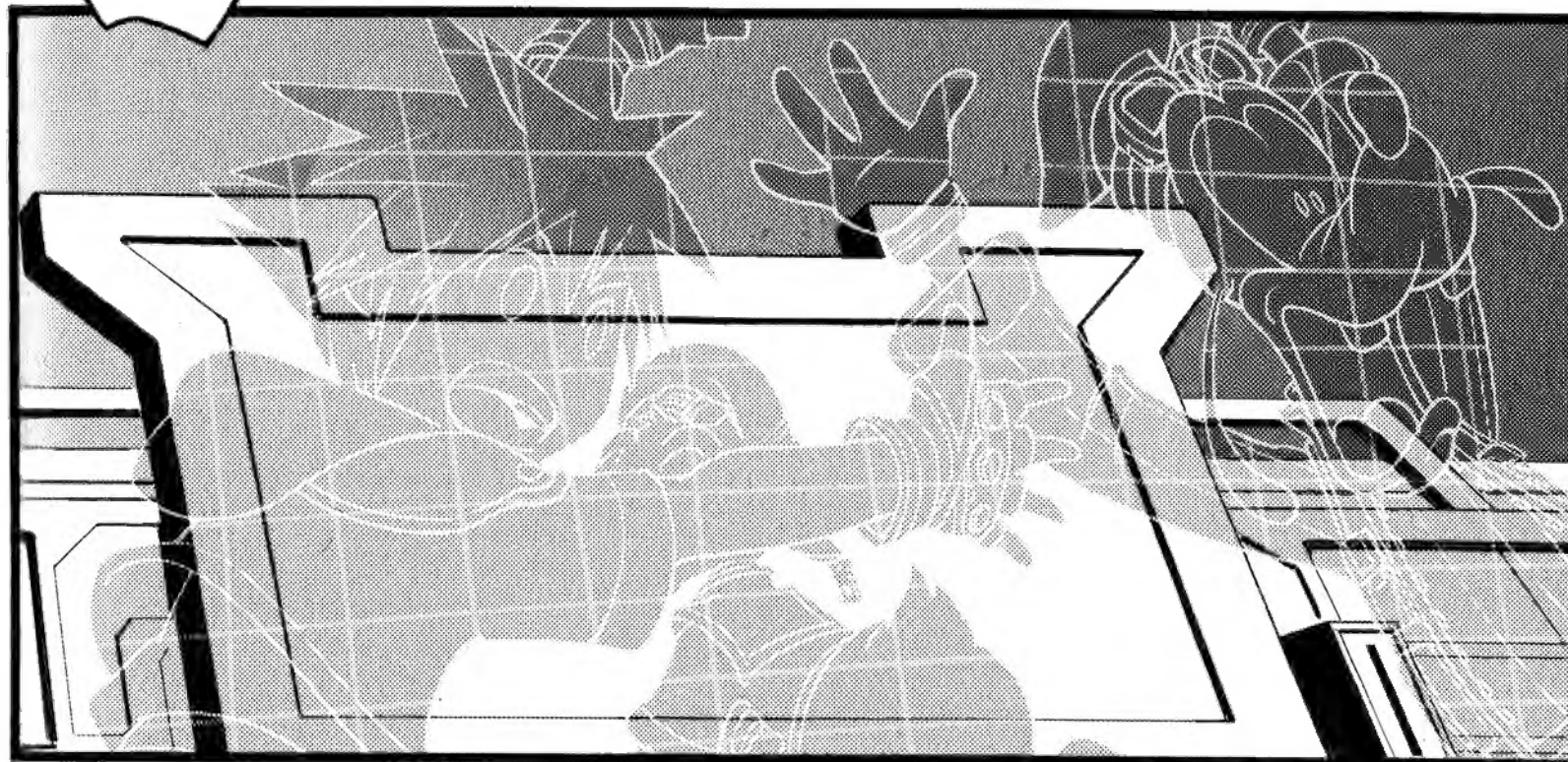
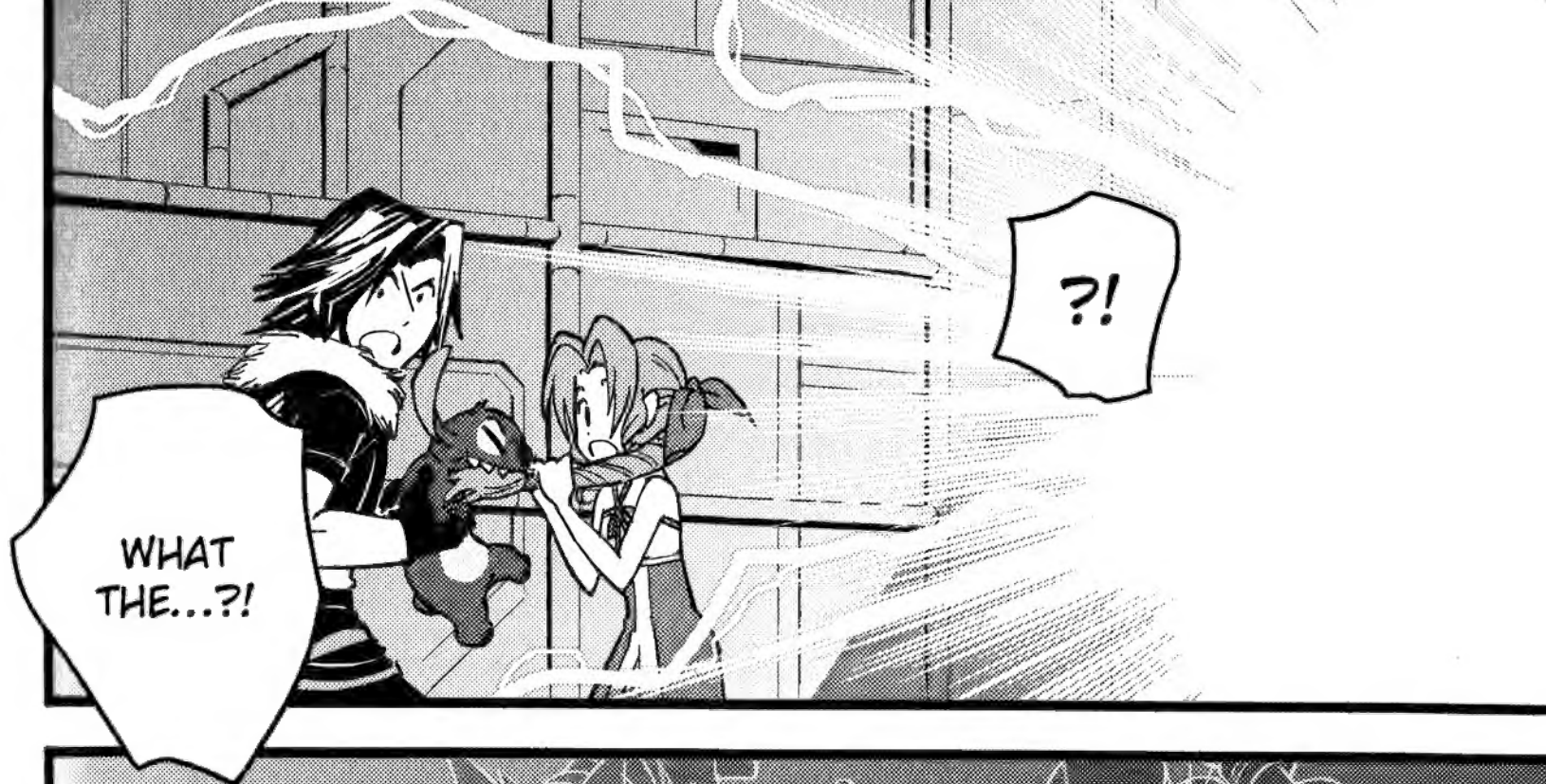


DONALD!

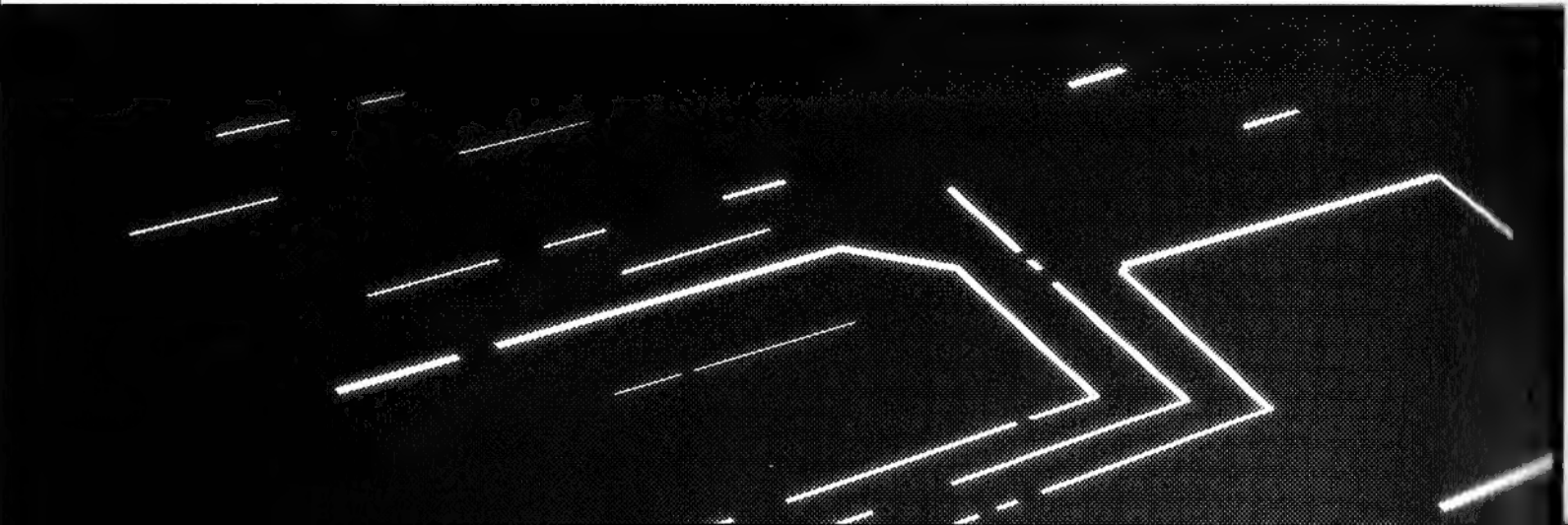
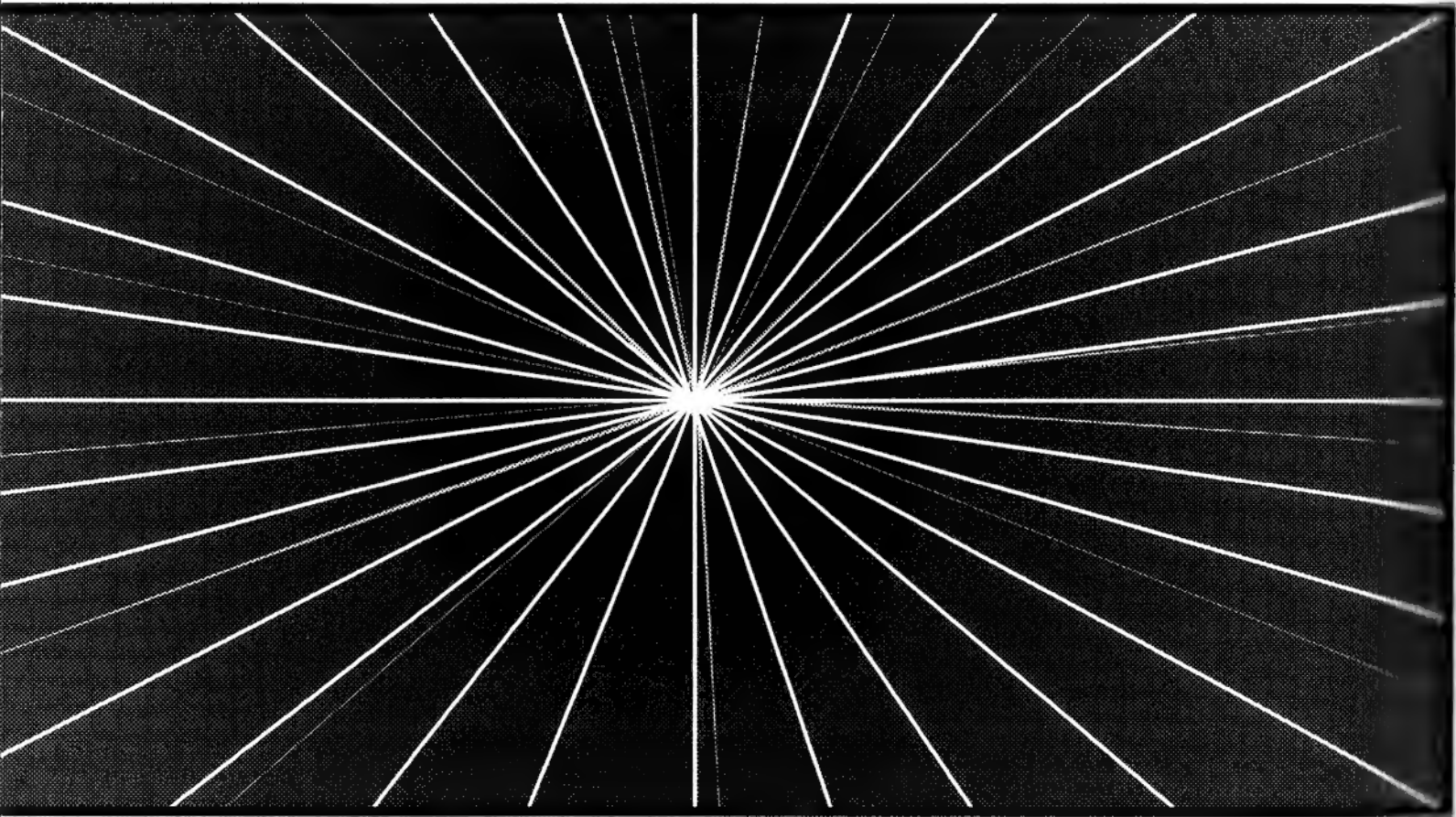
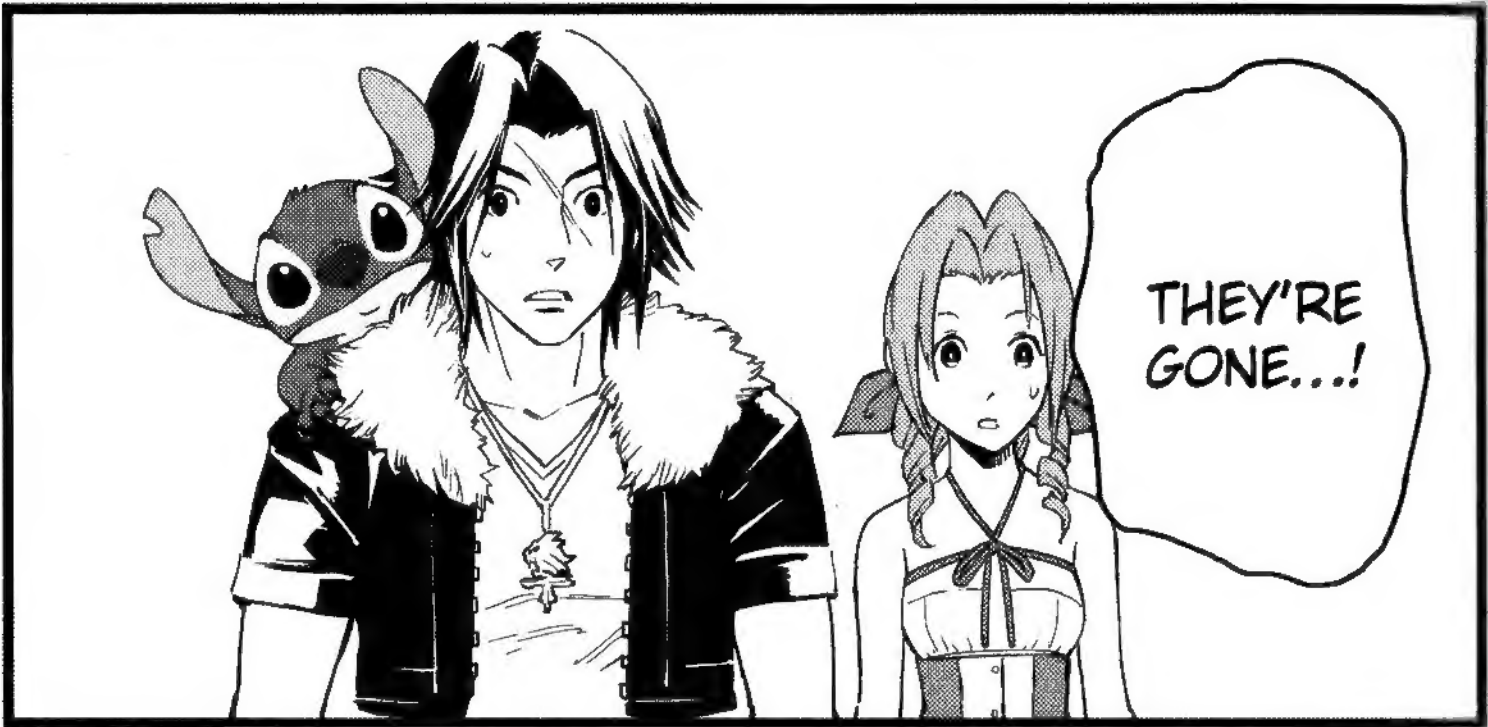
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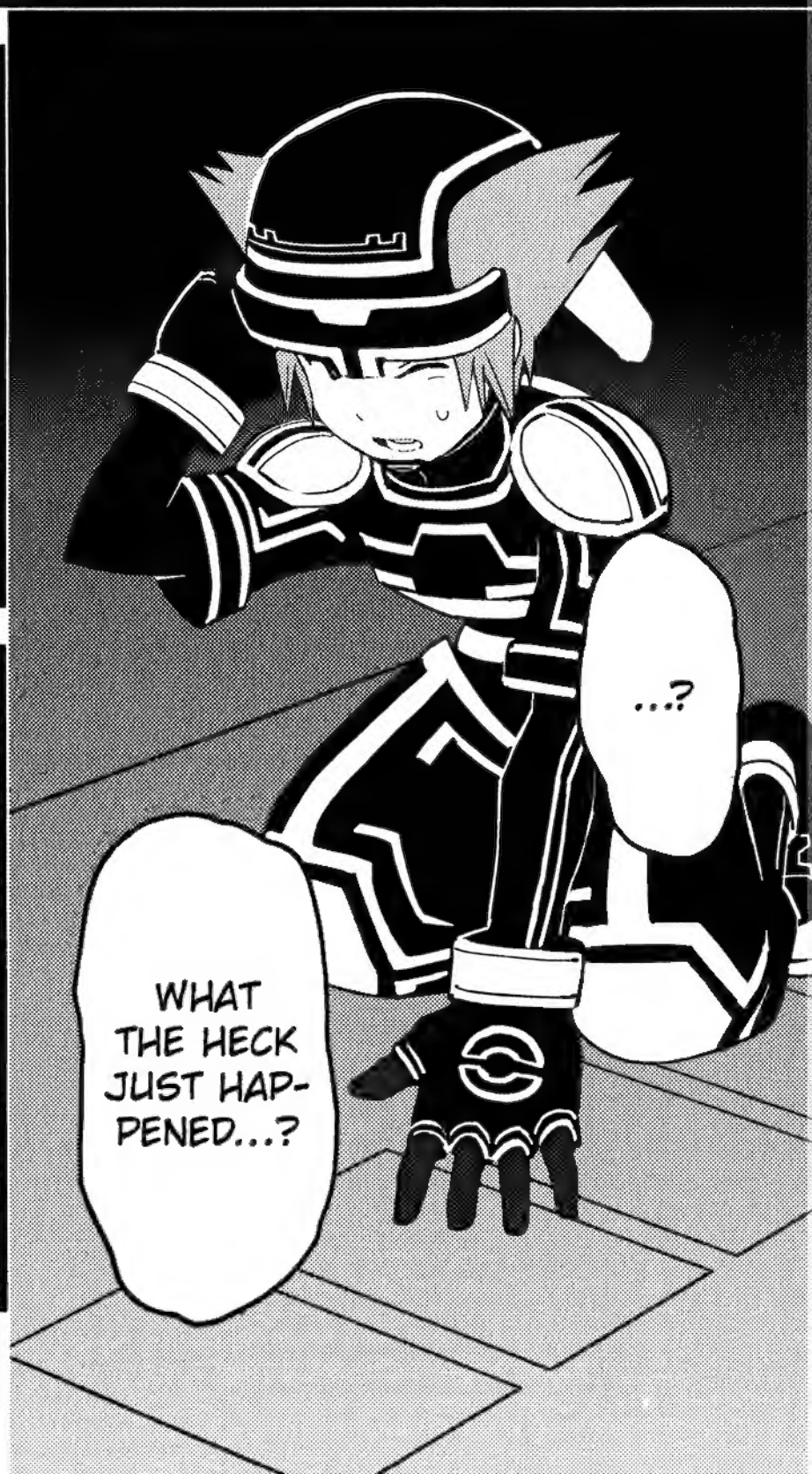
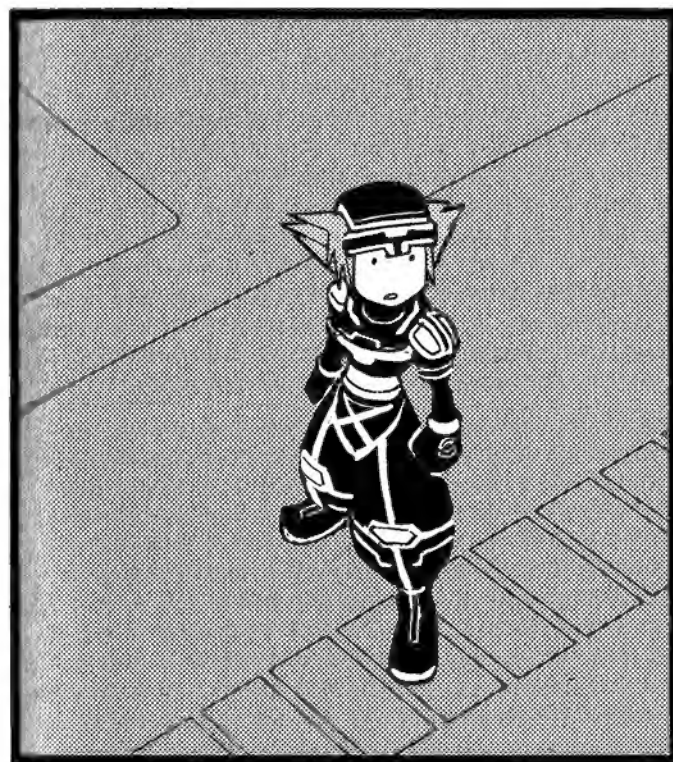
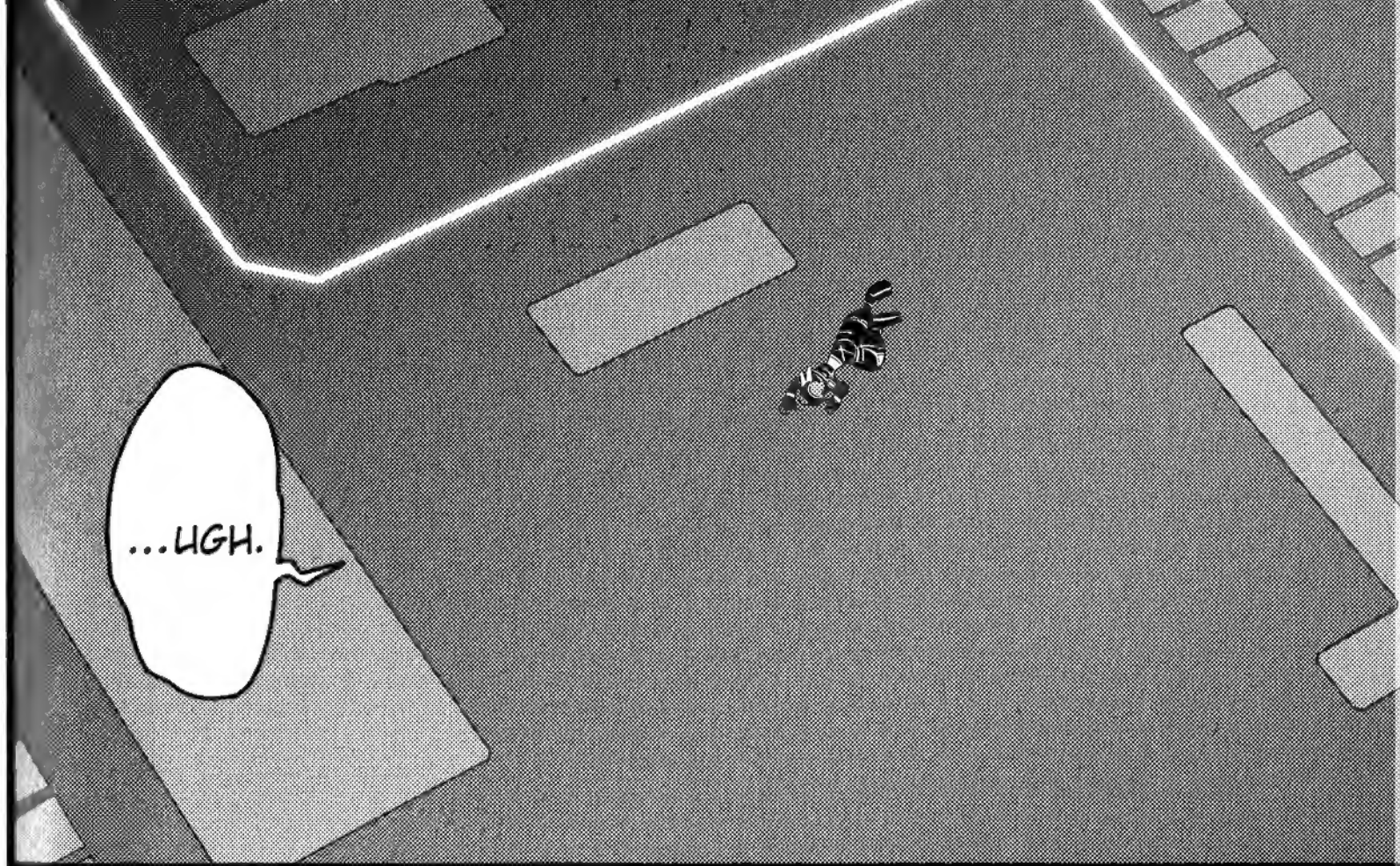




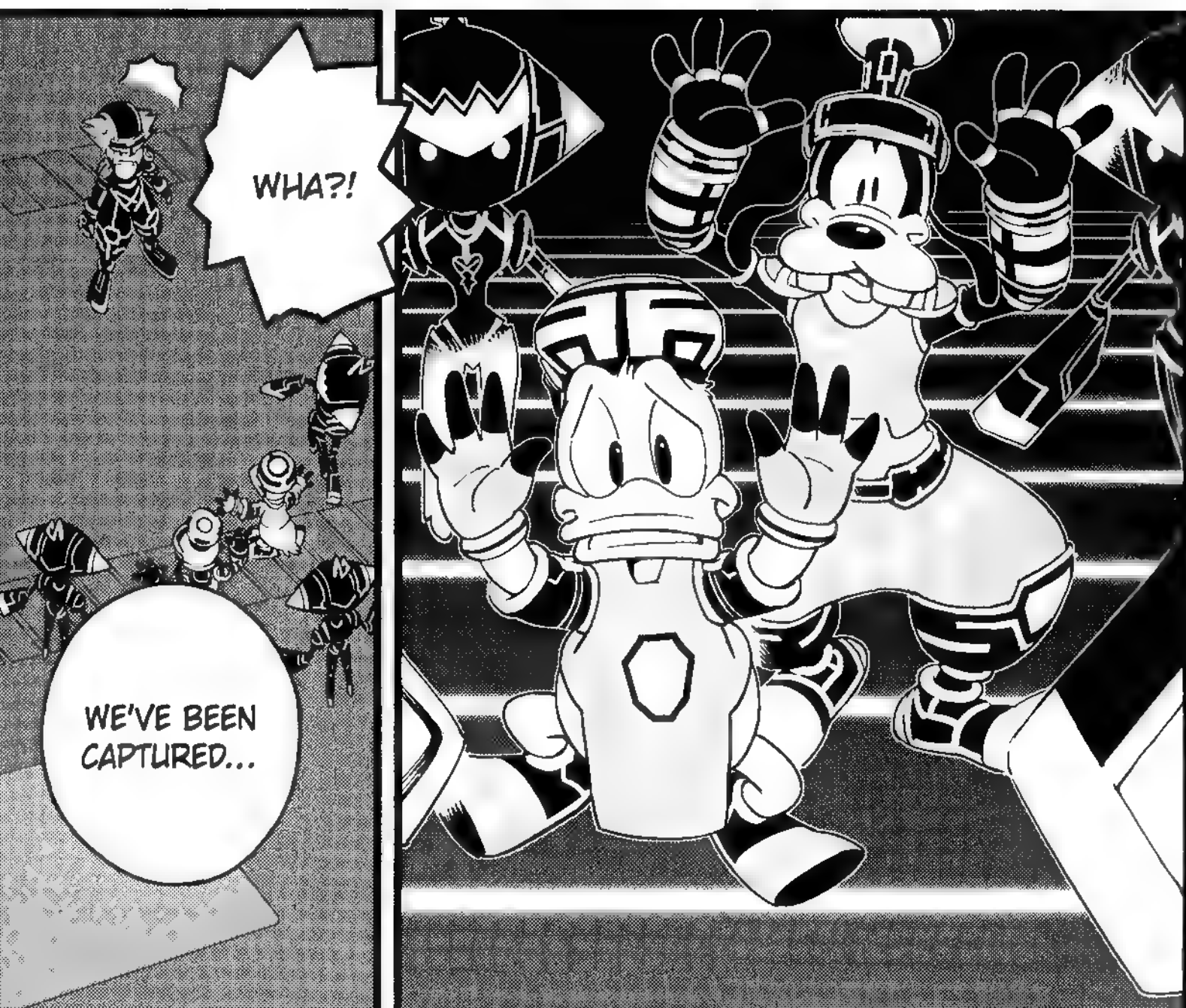
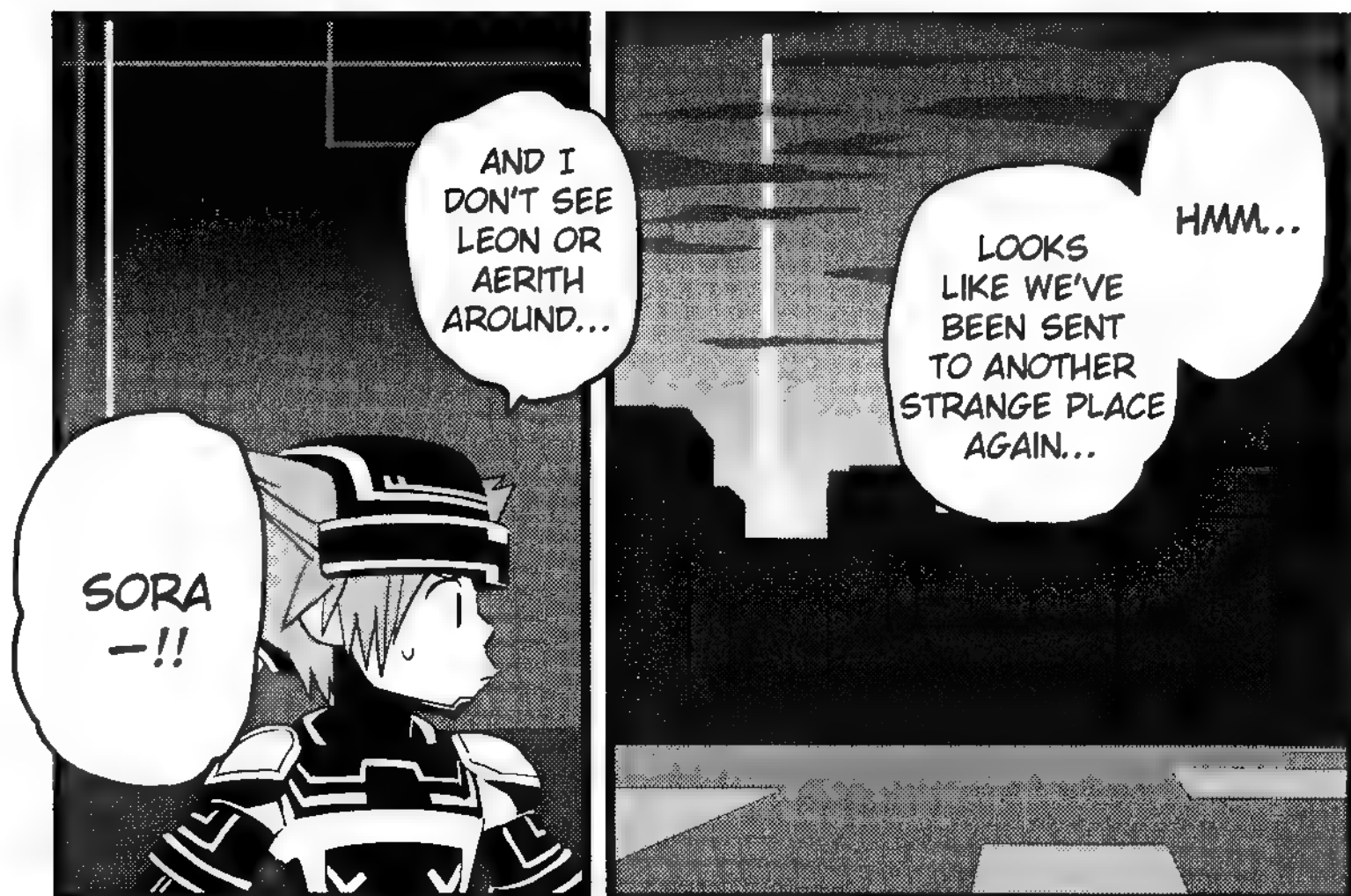


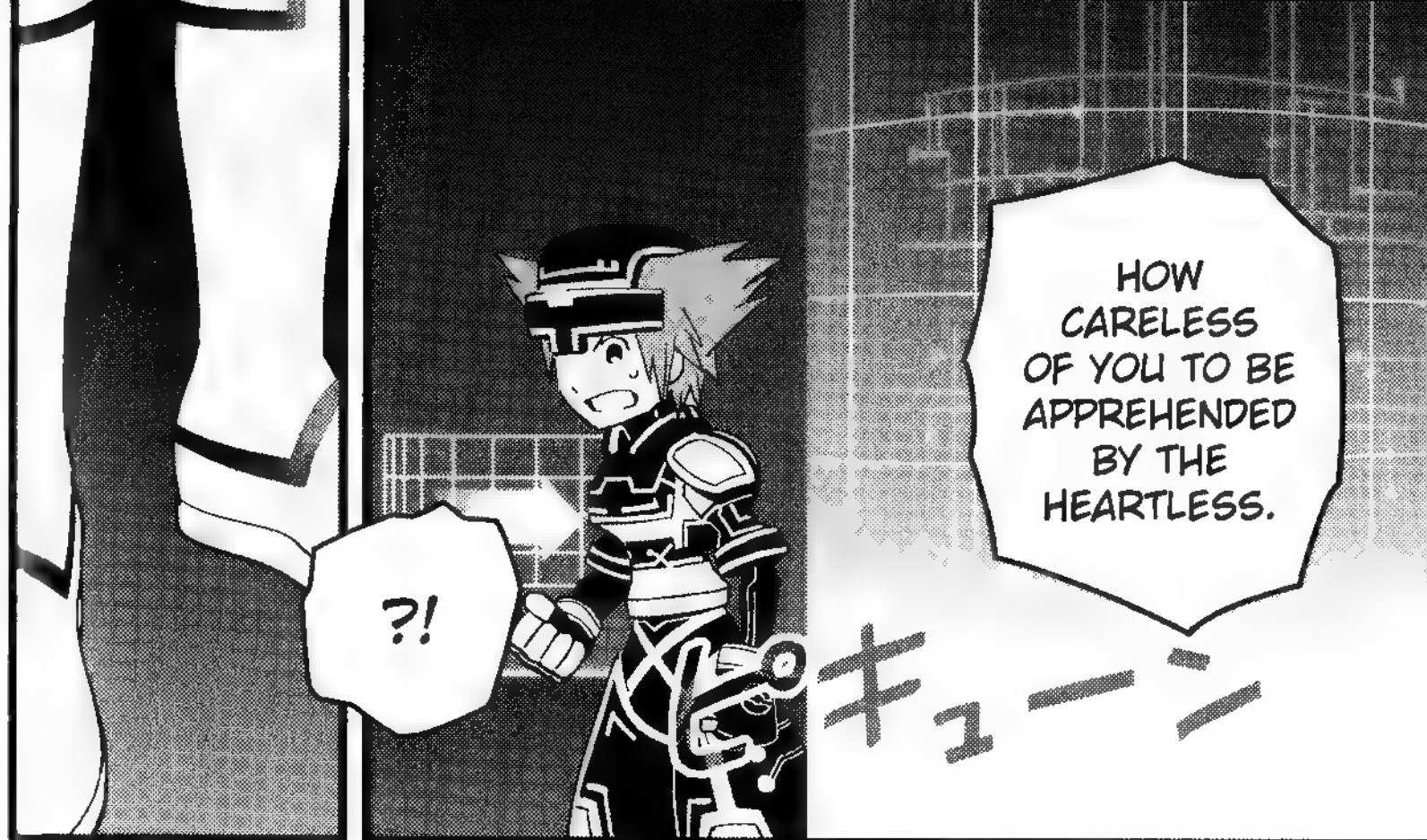








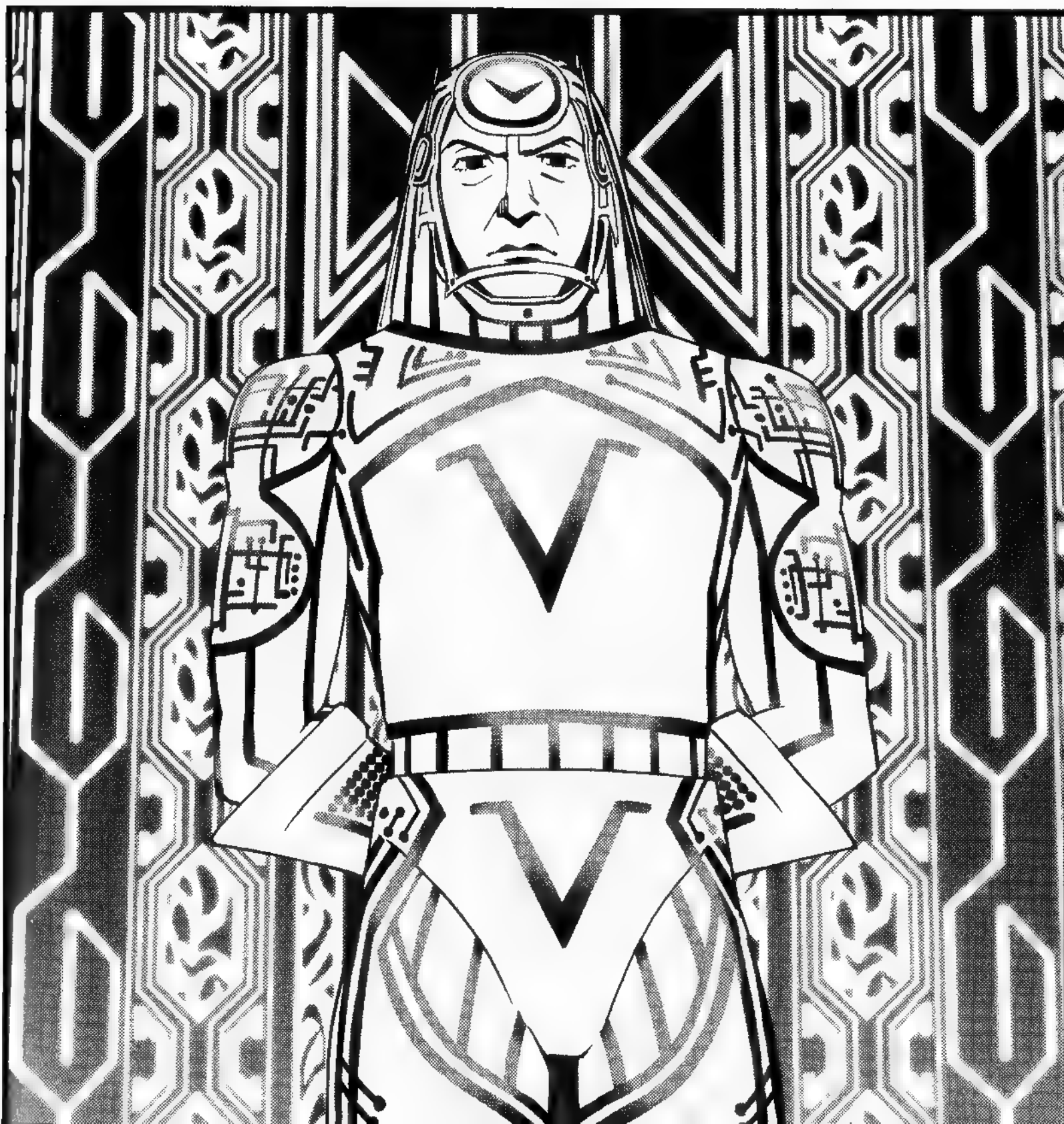




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HOW  
CARELESS  
OF YOU TO BE  
APPREHENDED  
BY THE  
HEARTLESS.

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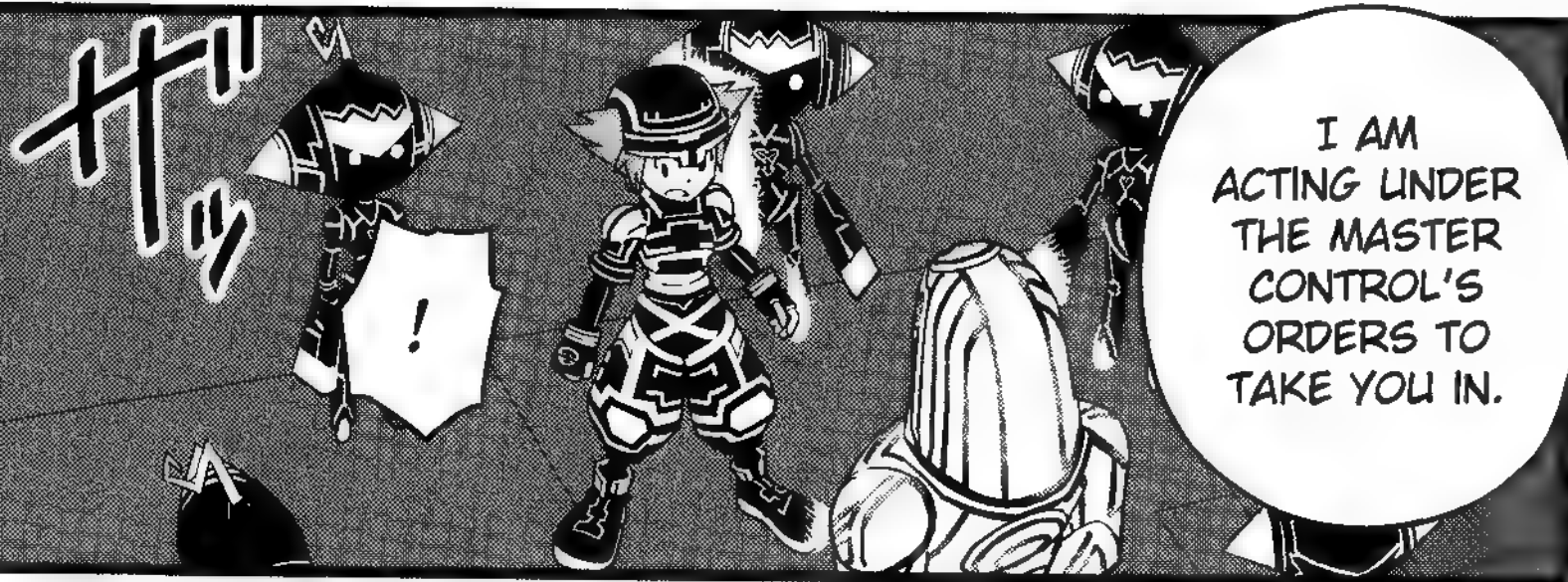


I AM  
COMMANDER  
SARK.

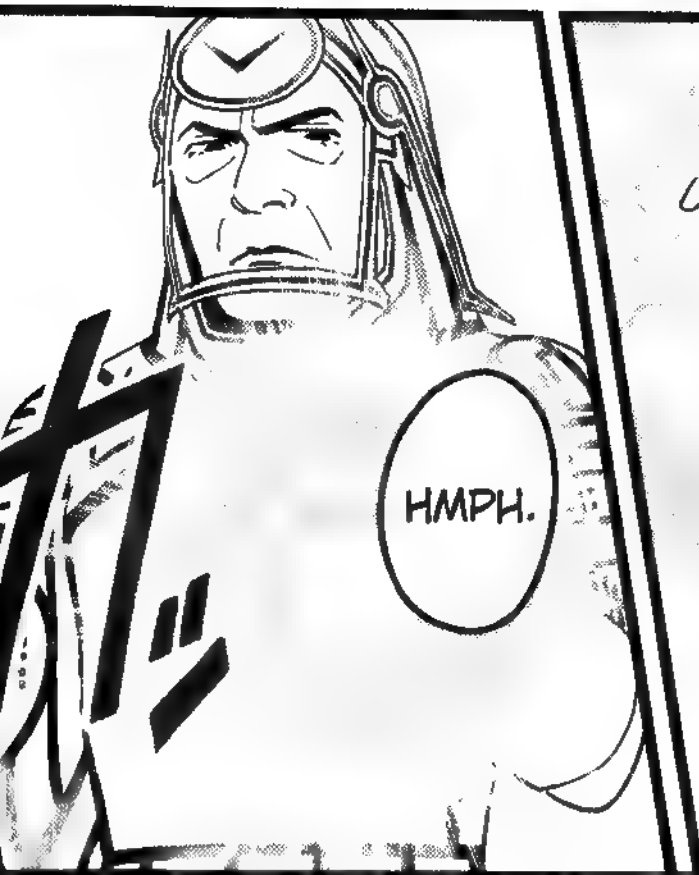


STAND BACK  
MISTER, IT'S  
DANGEROUS  
HERE.

...ARE YOU  
SOMEONE  
FROM THIS  
WORLD?!



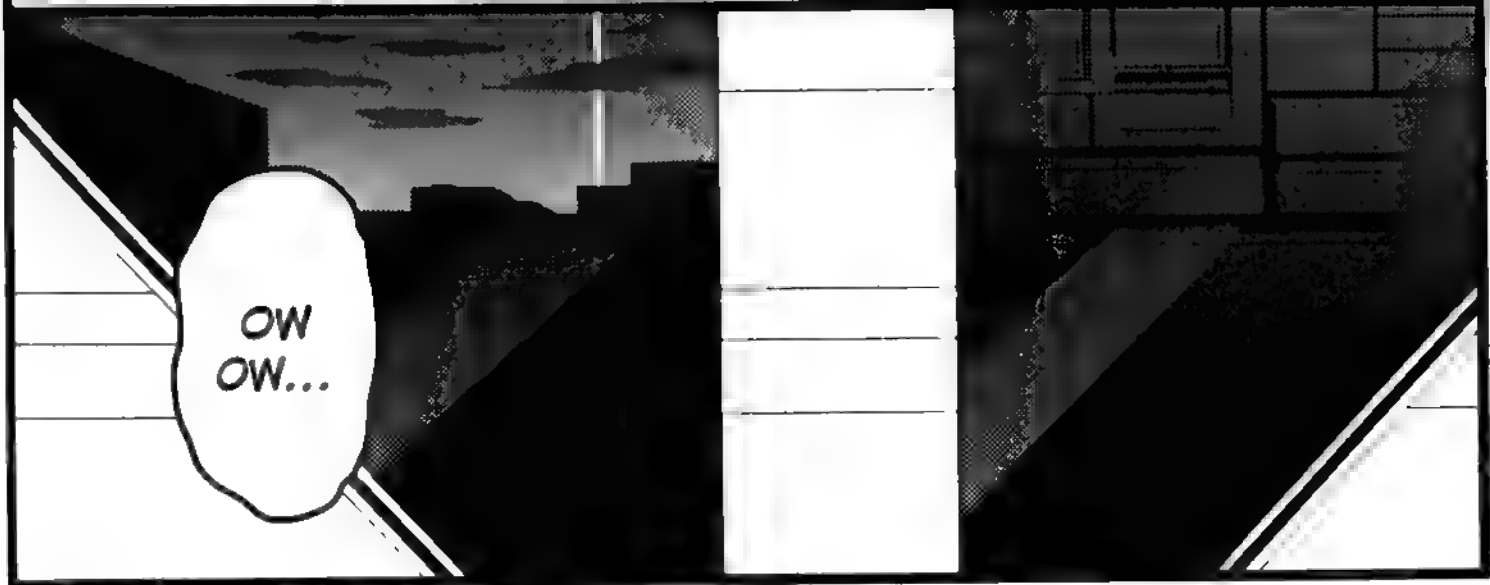
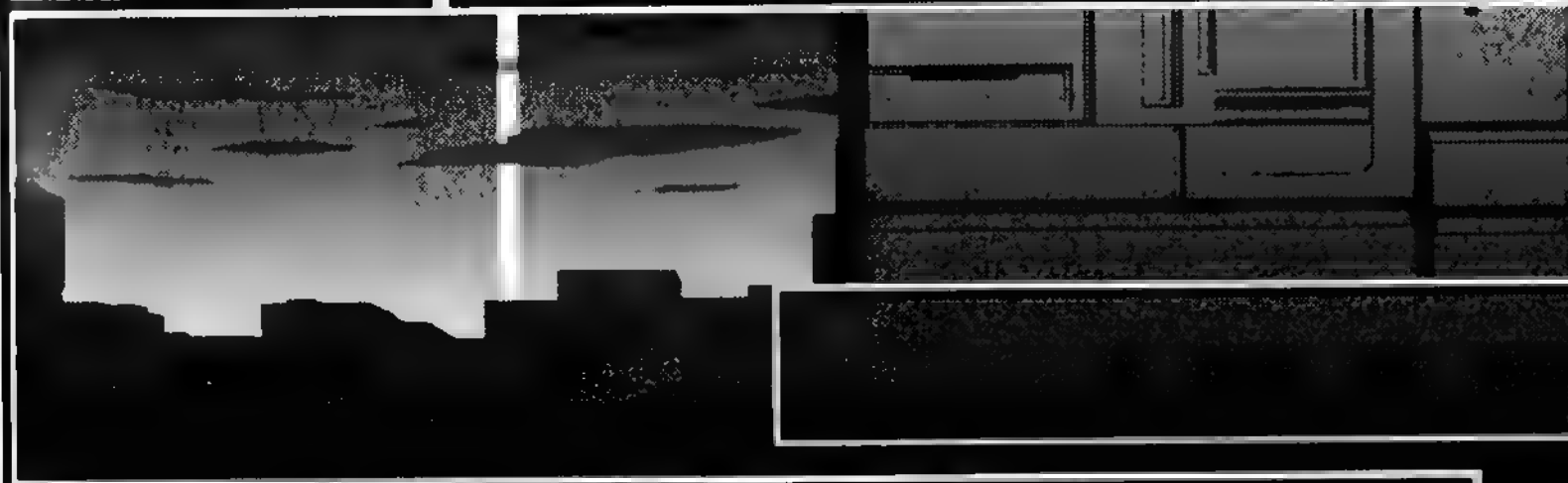
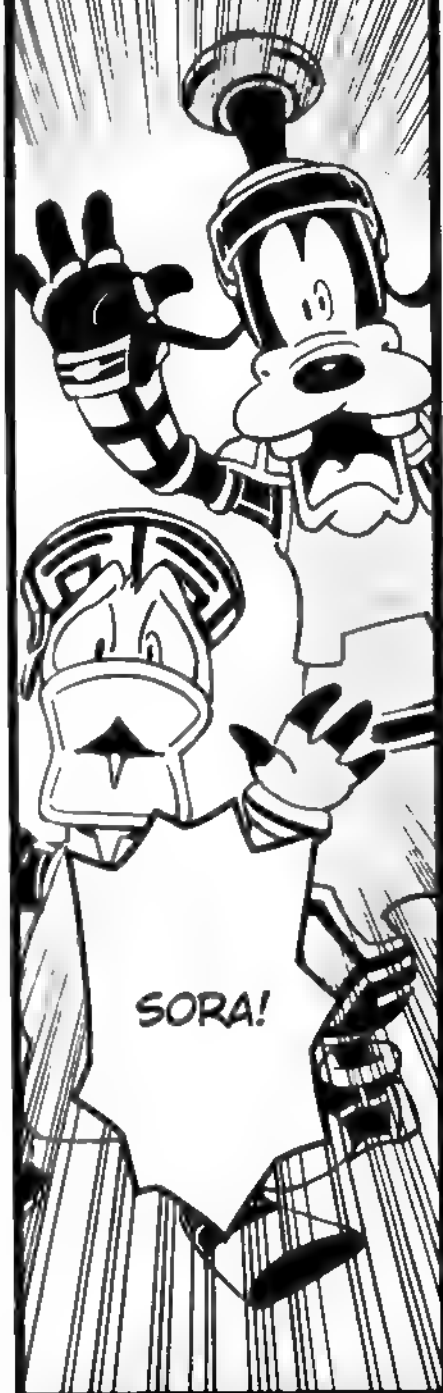
I AM  
ACTING UNDER  
THE MASTER  
CONTROL'S  
ORDERS TO  
TAKE YOU IN.



HMPH.



A  
COMMANDER  
OF THE  
HEARTLESS,  
HUH?!



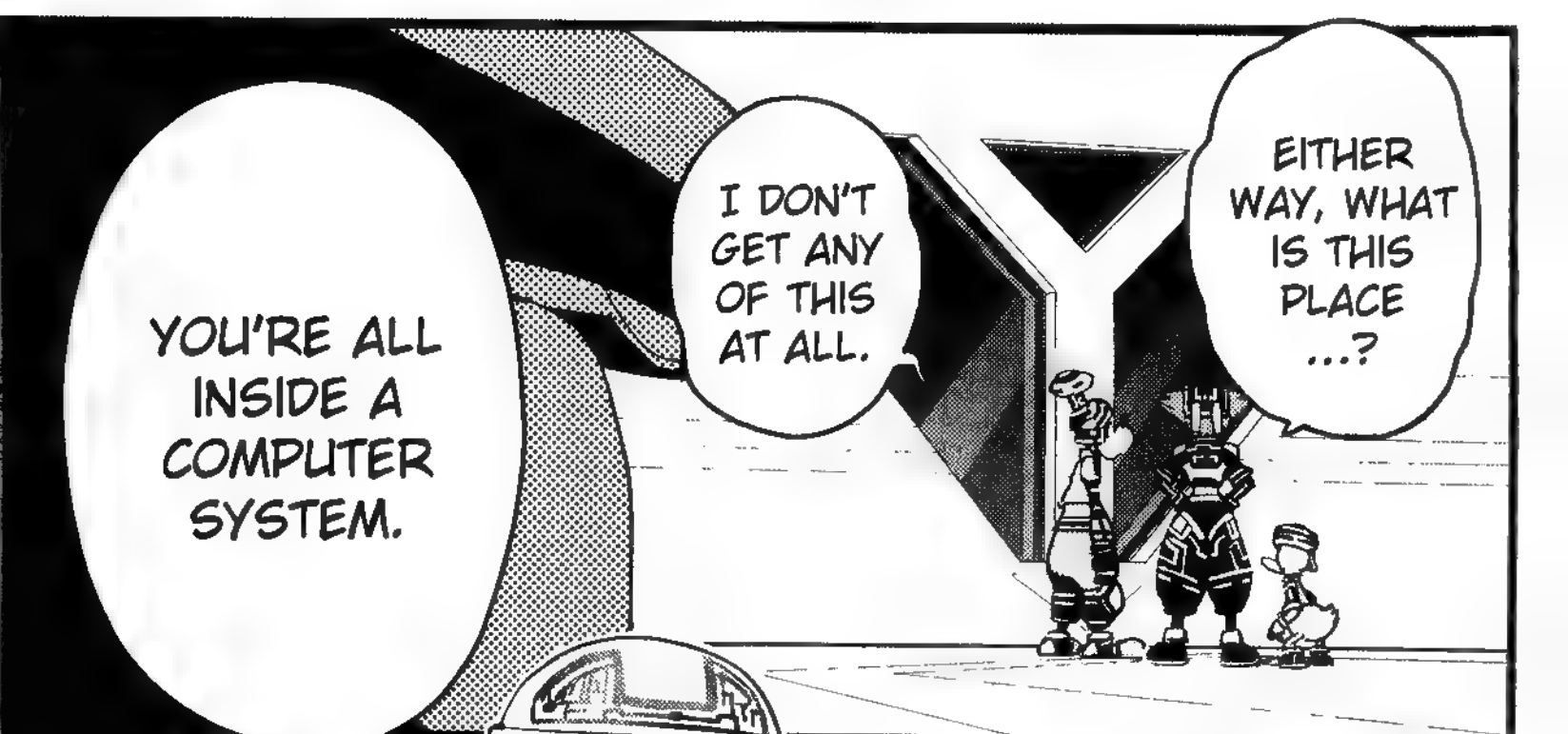




NEXT  
TIME TELL  
ME THAT  
EARLIER!

YOU  
OKAY?

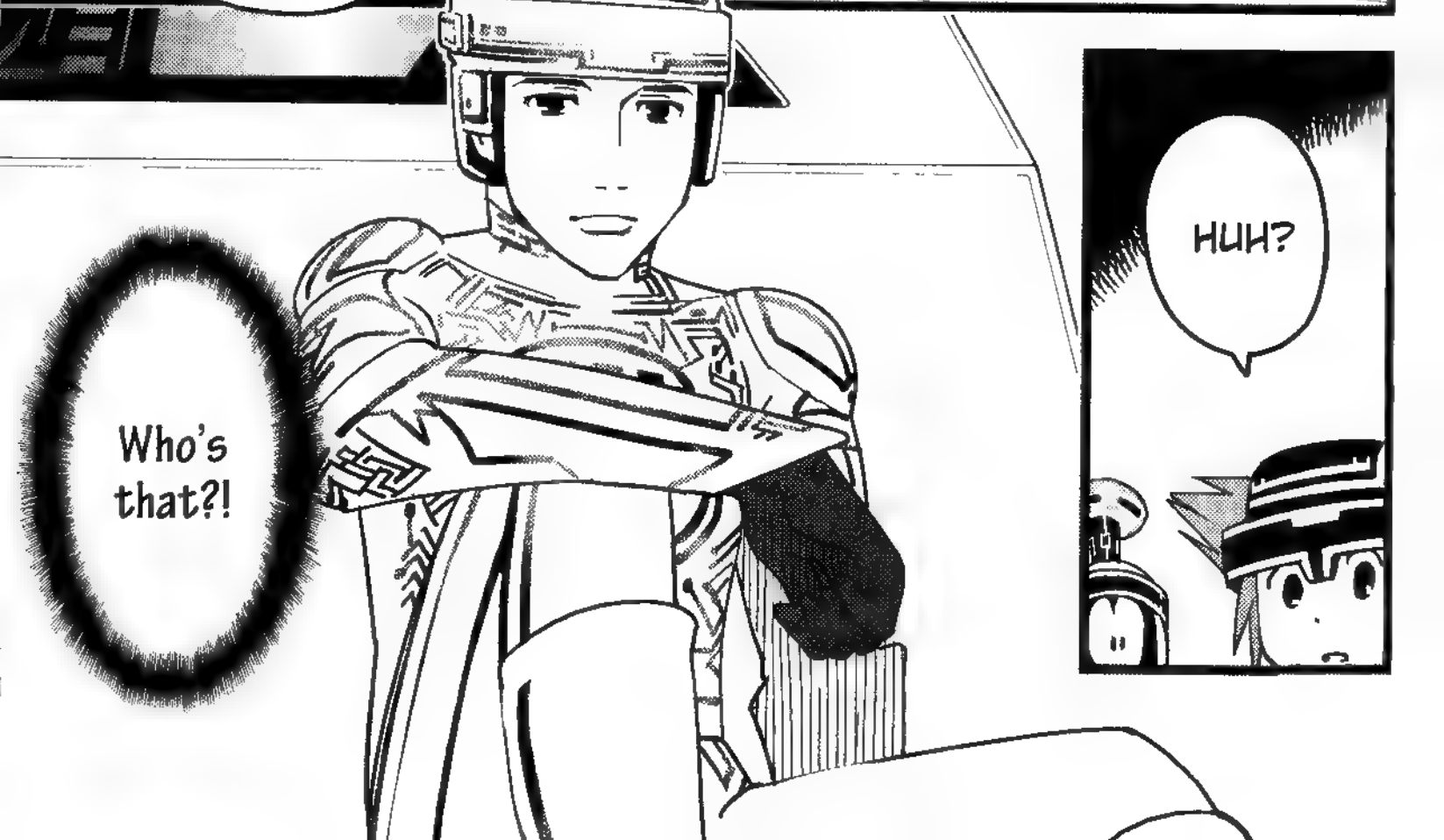
WE WERE  
CAPTURED  
THE SAME  
WAY YOU  
WERE.



YOU'RE ALL  
INSIDE A  
COMPUTER  
SYSTEM.

I DON'T  
GET ANY  
OF THIS  
AT ALL.

EITHER  
WAY, WHAT  
IS THIS  
PLACE  
...?



Who's  
that?!



HUH?

HA  
HA HA!  
LIVELY,  
AREN'T  
YOU!

...WAIT

DID YOU  
JUST SAY  
WE'RE  
INSIDE THE  
COMPUTER?!

PER-  
HAPS...  
LOOK  
HERE.

SO YOU'RE  
TELLING ME  
THEY'VE BEEN  
ABSORBED  
INTO THE  
COMPUTER  
SYSTEM...?

HOW  
COULD THIS  
HAPPEN...

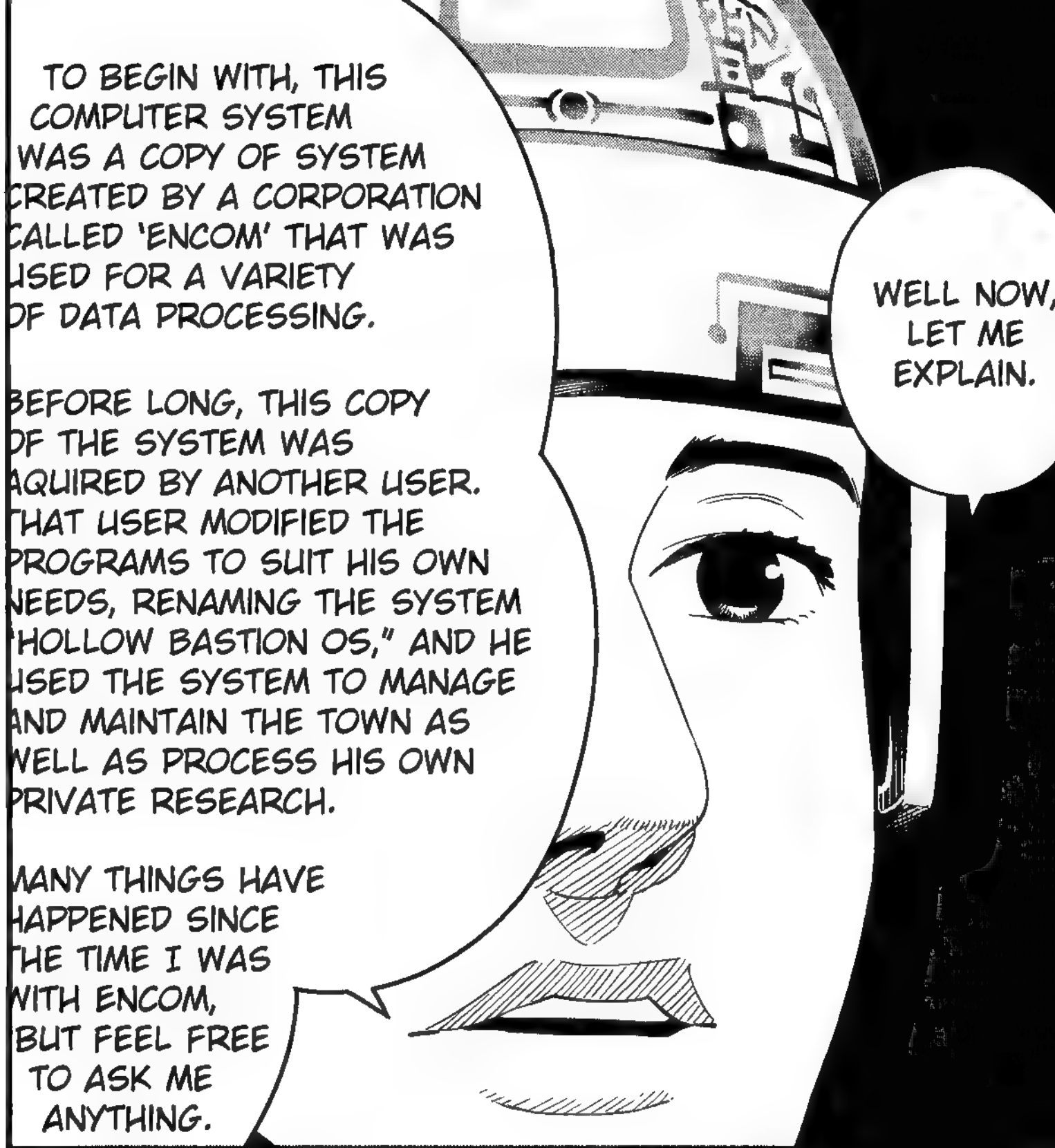
ACTIVATE

MODE: SCAN  
TARGET  
LOCK ON

THEY'VE  
BEEN  
SCANNED...  
THEN THIS  
POPPED UP  
AFTERWARD.





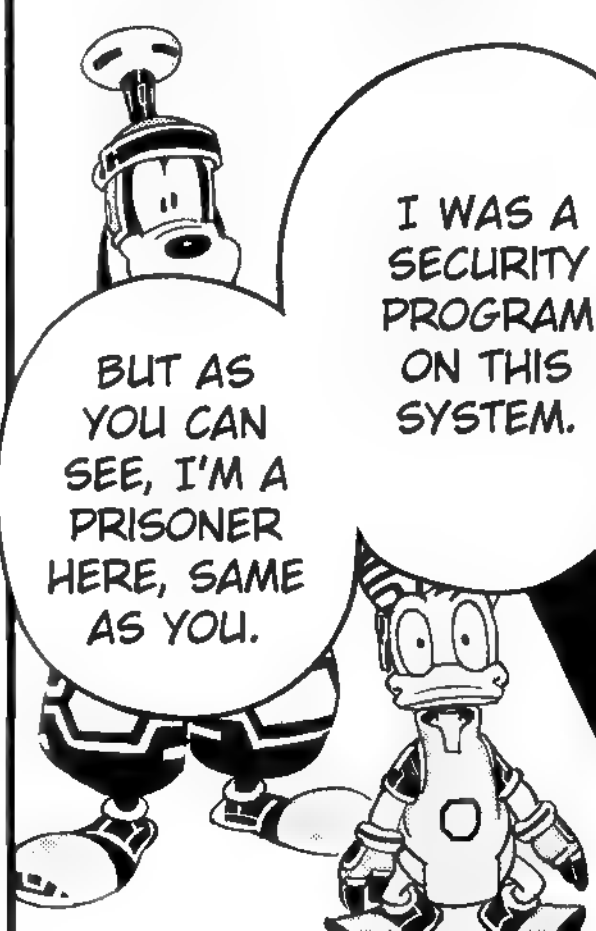


TO BEGIN WITH, THIS  
COMPUTER SYSTEM  
WAS A COPY OF SYSTEM  
CREATED BY A CORPORATION  
CALLED 'ENCOM' THAT WAS  
USED FOR A VARIETY  
OF DATA PROCESSING.

BEFORE LONG, THIS COPY  
OF THE SYSTEM WAS  
ACQUIRED BY ANOTHER USER.  
THAT USER MODIFIED THE  
PROGRAMS TO SUIT HIS OWN  
NEEDS, RENAMING THE SYSTEM  
'HOLLOW BASTION OS,' AND HE  
USED THE SYSTEM TO MANAGE  
AND MAINTAIN THE TOWN AS  
WELL AS PROCESS HIS OWN  
PRIVATE RESEARCH.

MANY THINGS HAVE  
HAPPENED SINCE  
THE TIME I WAS  
WITH ENCOM,  
BUT FEEL FREE  
TO ASK ME  
ANYTHING.

WELL NOW,  
LET ME  
EXPLAIN.

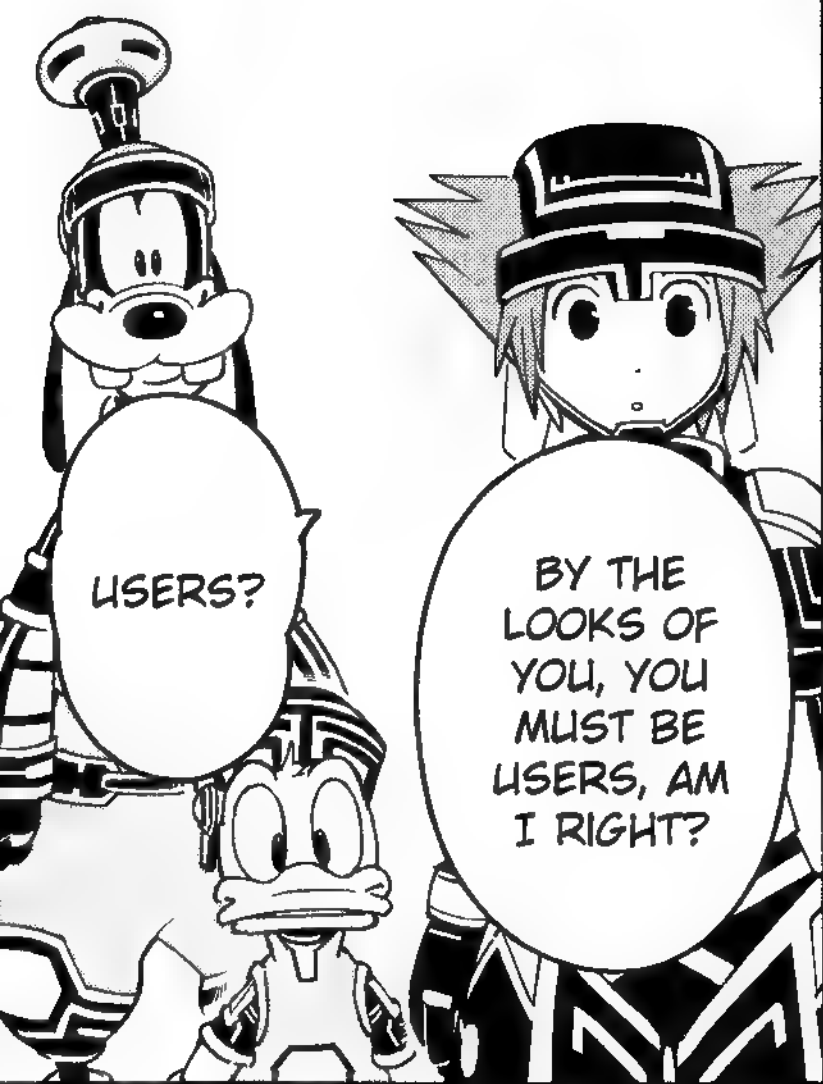


BUT AS  
YOU CAN  
SEE, I'M A  
PRISONER  
HERE, SAME  
AS YOU.

I WAS A  
SECURITY  
PROGRAM  
ON THIS  
SYSTEM.

OH,  
MY NAME  
IS TRON.





USERS?

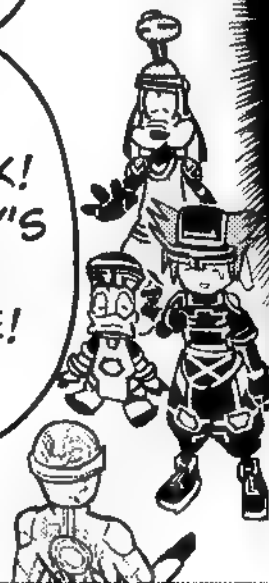
BY THE  
LOOKS OF  
YOU, YOU  
MUST BE  
USERS, AM  
I RIGHT?

I'M  
DONALD  
DUCK.

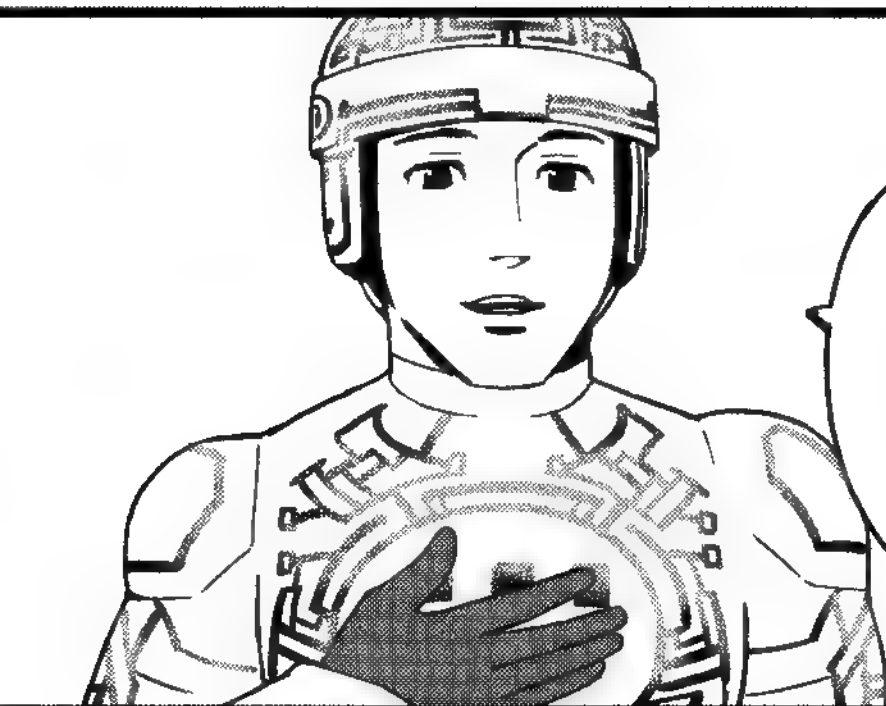
...UH,  
I'M  
SORA.

A-  
HYUCK!  
GOOFY'S  
THE  
NAME!

NICE  
TO  
MEET  
YOU!



What  
a long  
speech  
...!

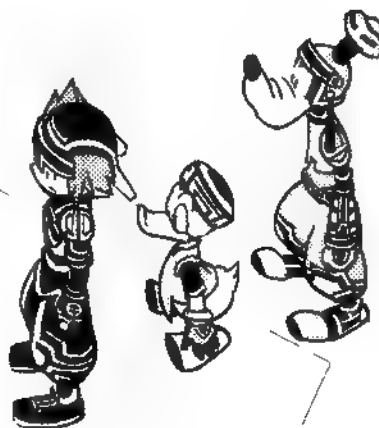


THEY ARE  
THE ABSOLUTE  
BEINGS WHICH  
HANDLE US  
PROGRAMS.

BY USERS,  
I'M REFERRING  
TO THOSE  
WHO UTILIZE  
THE COMPUTER  
FROM THE  
OTHER SIDE.



BUT THE  
MCP DOESN'T  
SEE THINGS  
THAT WAY.

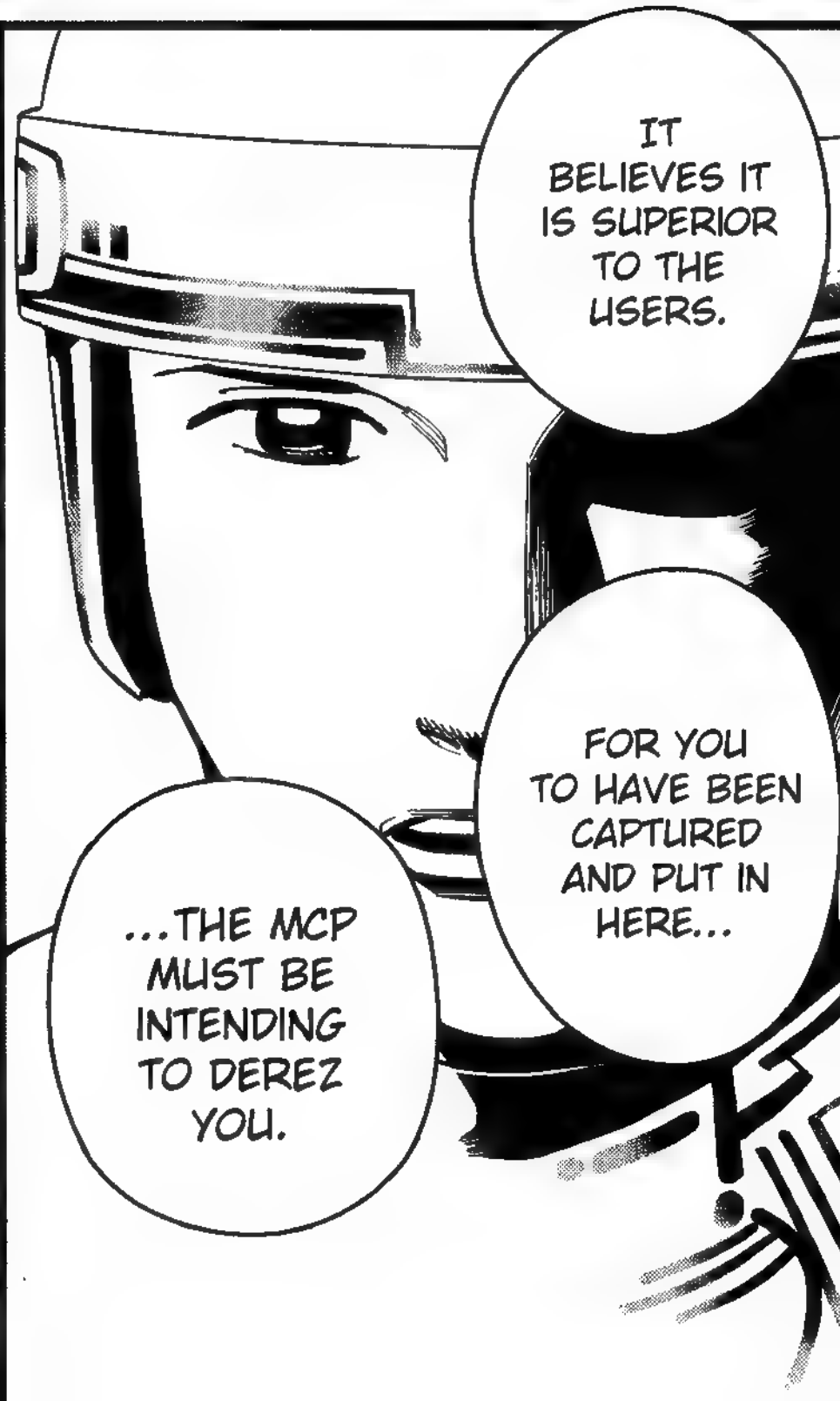
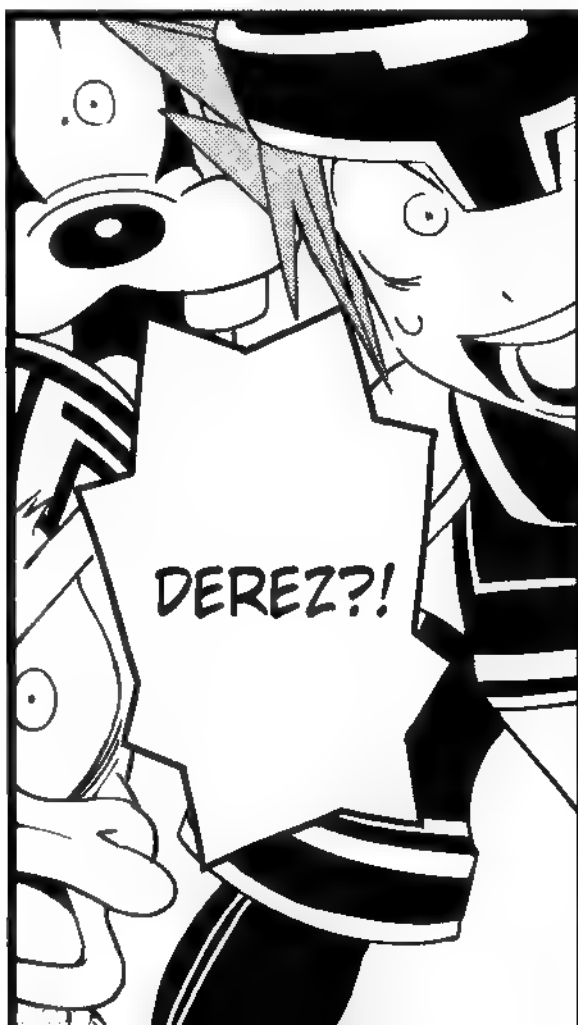
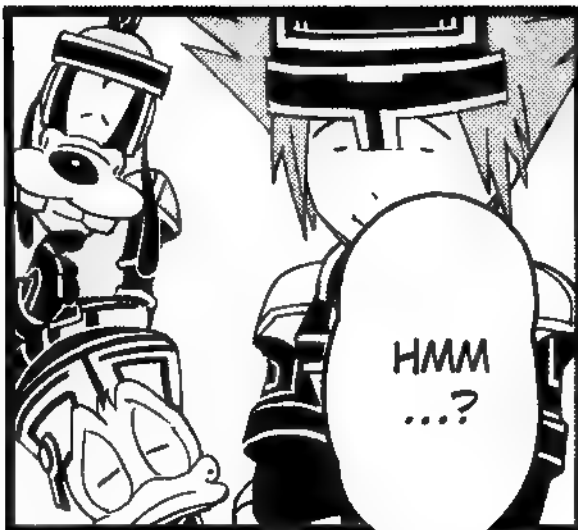


HM...?

IT'S THE  
PROGRAM  
CURRENTLY  
RULING THE  
DATASPACE.

THE  
"MASTER  
CONTROL  
PROGRAM."

MCP  
...?







NO...

RETURNING  
TO THE  
OUTSIDE  
WORLD IS  
POSSIBLE  
THOUGH THIS  
TERMINAL.

WHAT?  
THEN...


DOES  
THAT MEAN  
WE MIGHT NOT  
MAKE IT BACK  
TO WHERE WE  
CAME FROM...?!



THANK  
GOOD-  
NESS!



DID YOU  
SAY WE  
COULD GET  
OUT FROM  
THERE...?



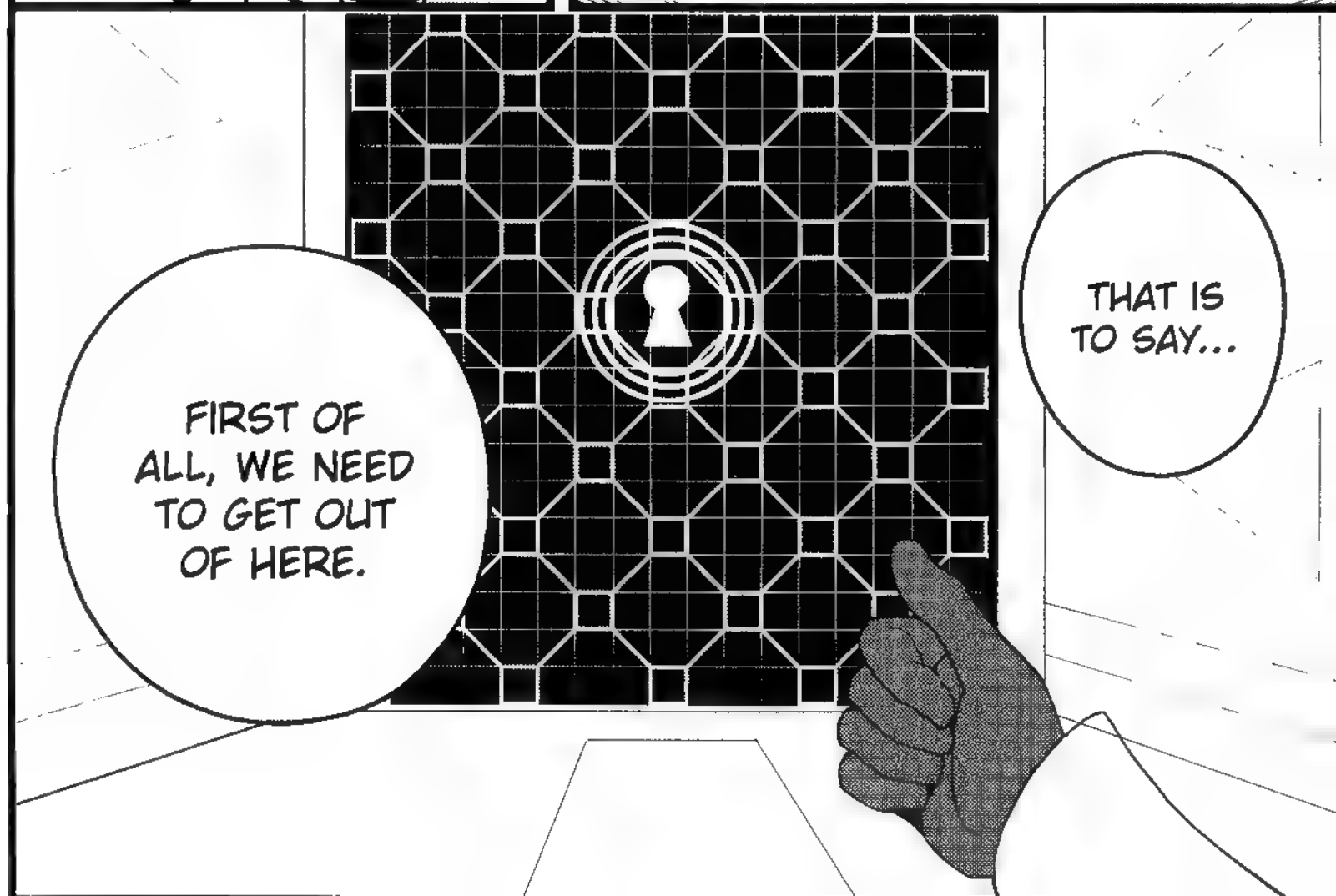
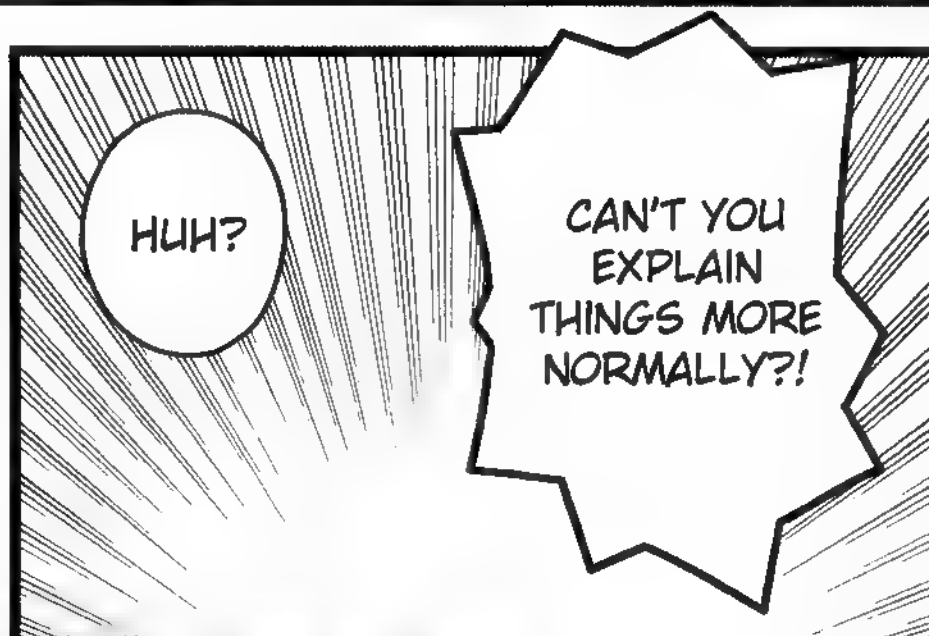
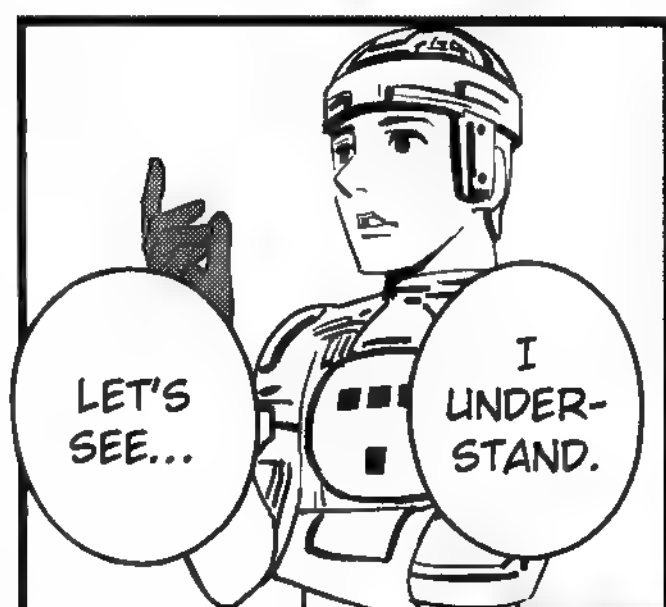
BUT IF WE  
COULD BRING  
THE ENERGY CORE  
IN THE CANYON  
ONLINE, WE COULD  
POWER IT BACK UP.  
THE CANYON  
ISN'T TOO FAR  
FROM HERE...

NOPE.



SO YOU'RE  
TELLING ME  
WE CAN'T  
GET OUT  
AFTER  
ALL?!

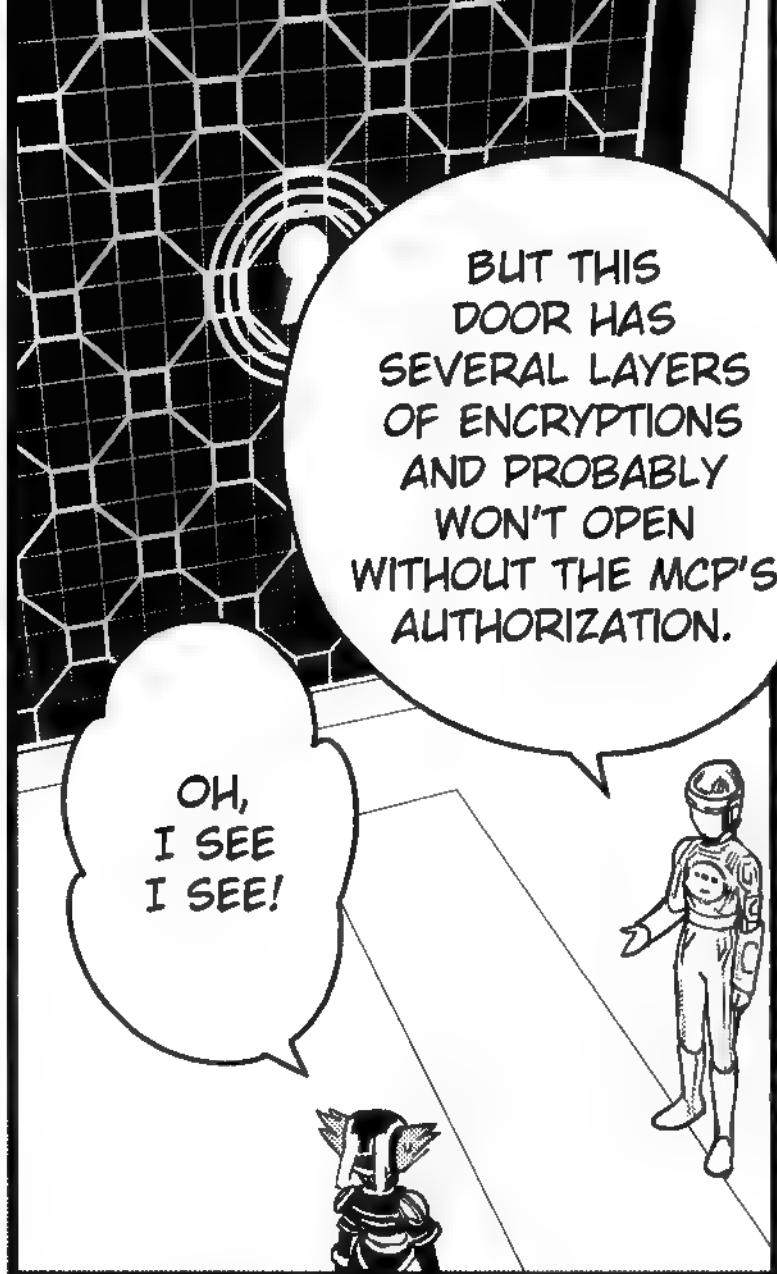
HOWEVER, THE  
ENERGY SUPPLY  
TO THE TERMINAL  
WAS CUT OFF BY  
THE MCP A SHORT  
WHILE BACK...  
ESSENTIALLY THAT  
MEANS THE TERMINAL  
IS NON-FUNCTIONAL  
AND IT'S HIGHLY  
LIKELY YOU CAN'T  
GET BACK.







IF IT'S  
A DOOR,  
THEN LEAVE  
IT TO ME!

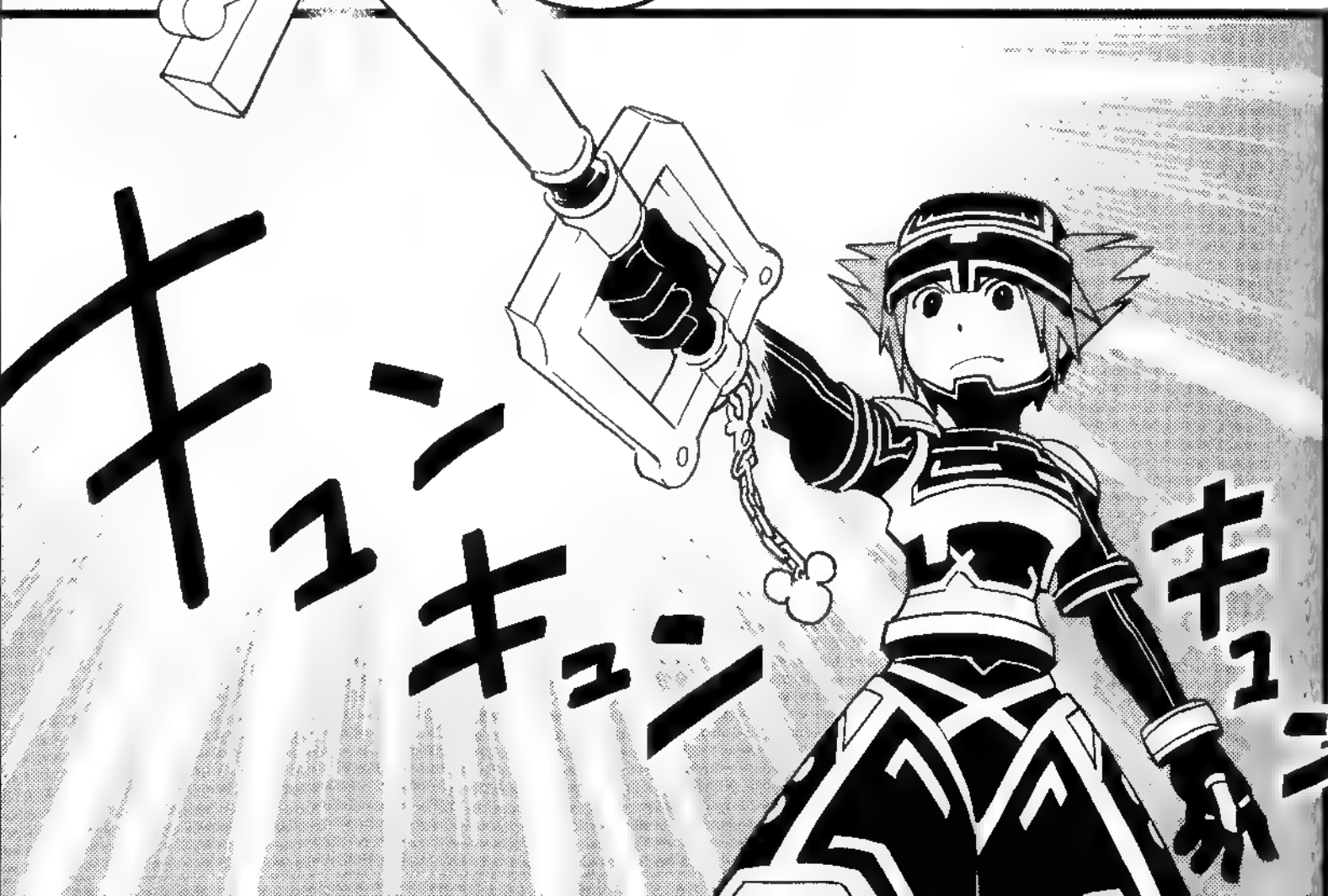


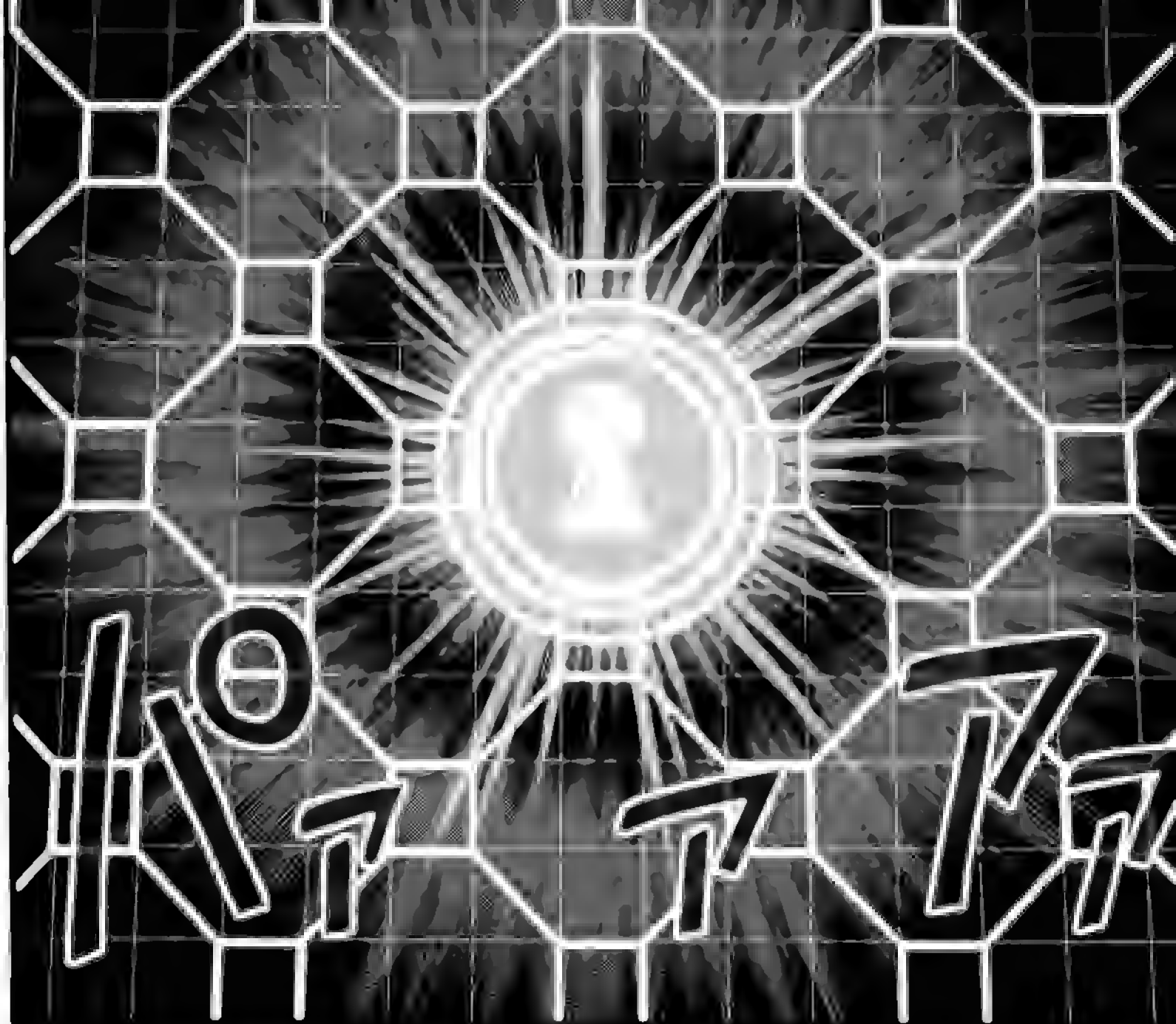
BUT THIS  
DOOR HAS  
SEVERAL LAYERS  
OF ENCRYPTIONS  
AND PROBABLY  
WON'T OPEN  
WITHOUT THE MCP'S  
AUTHORIZATION.

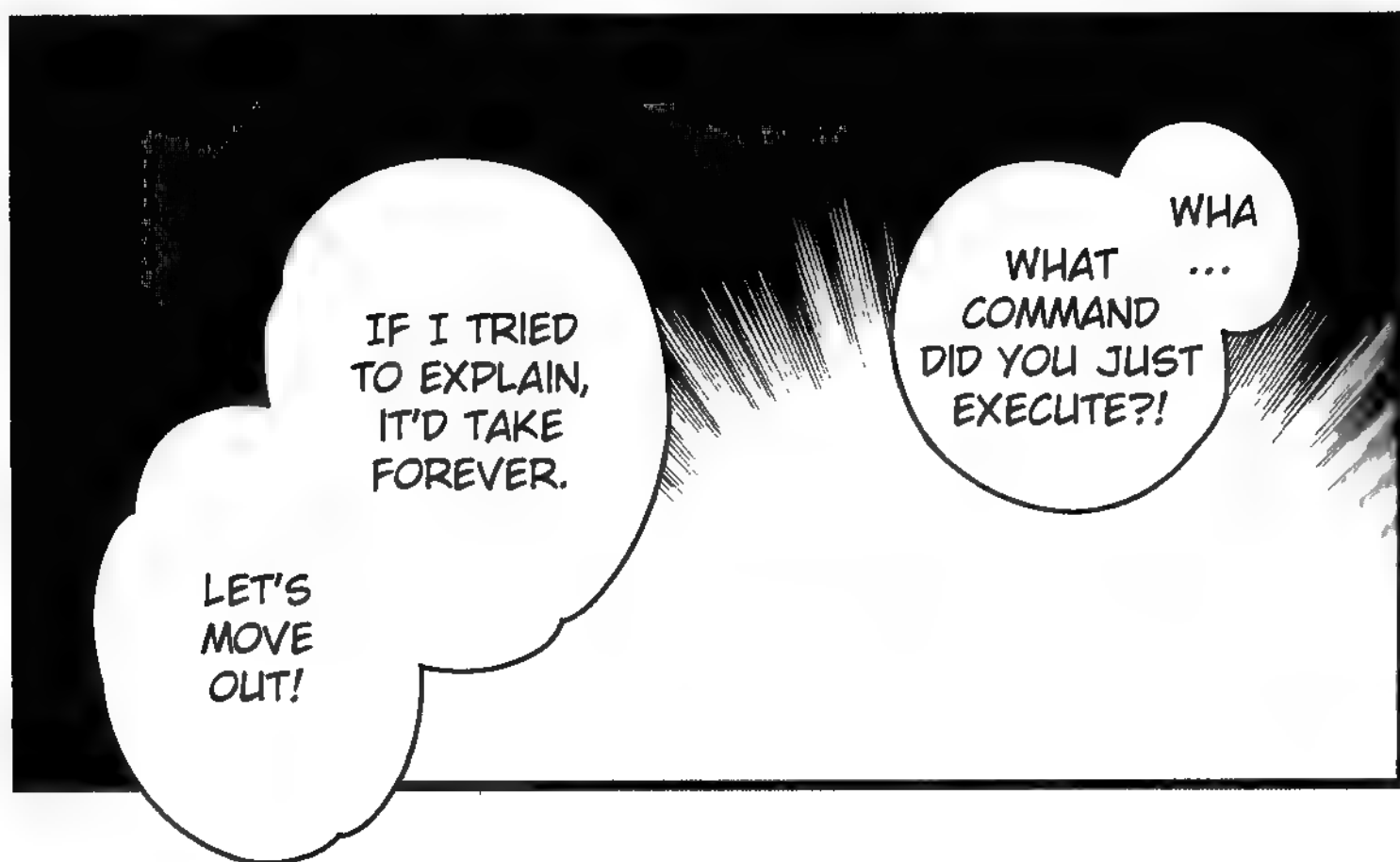
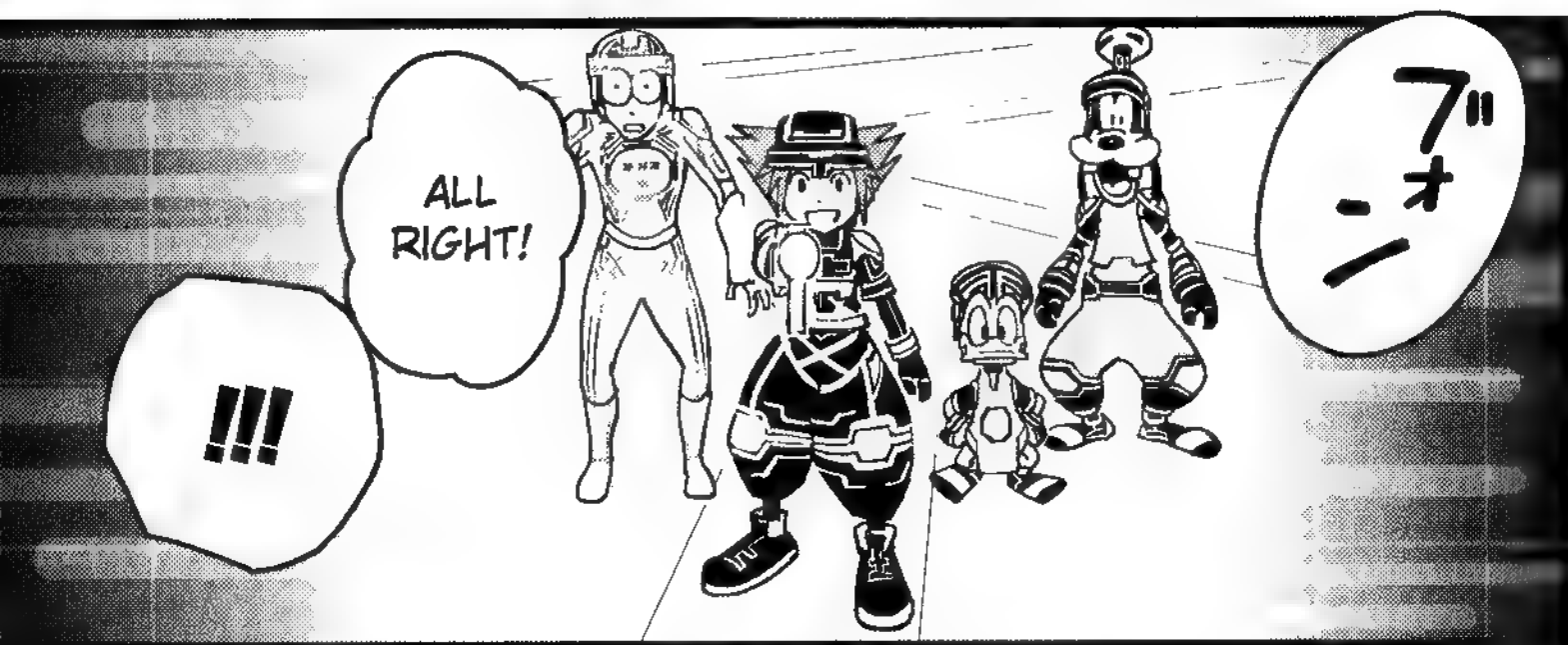
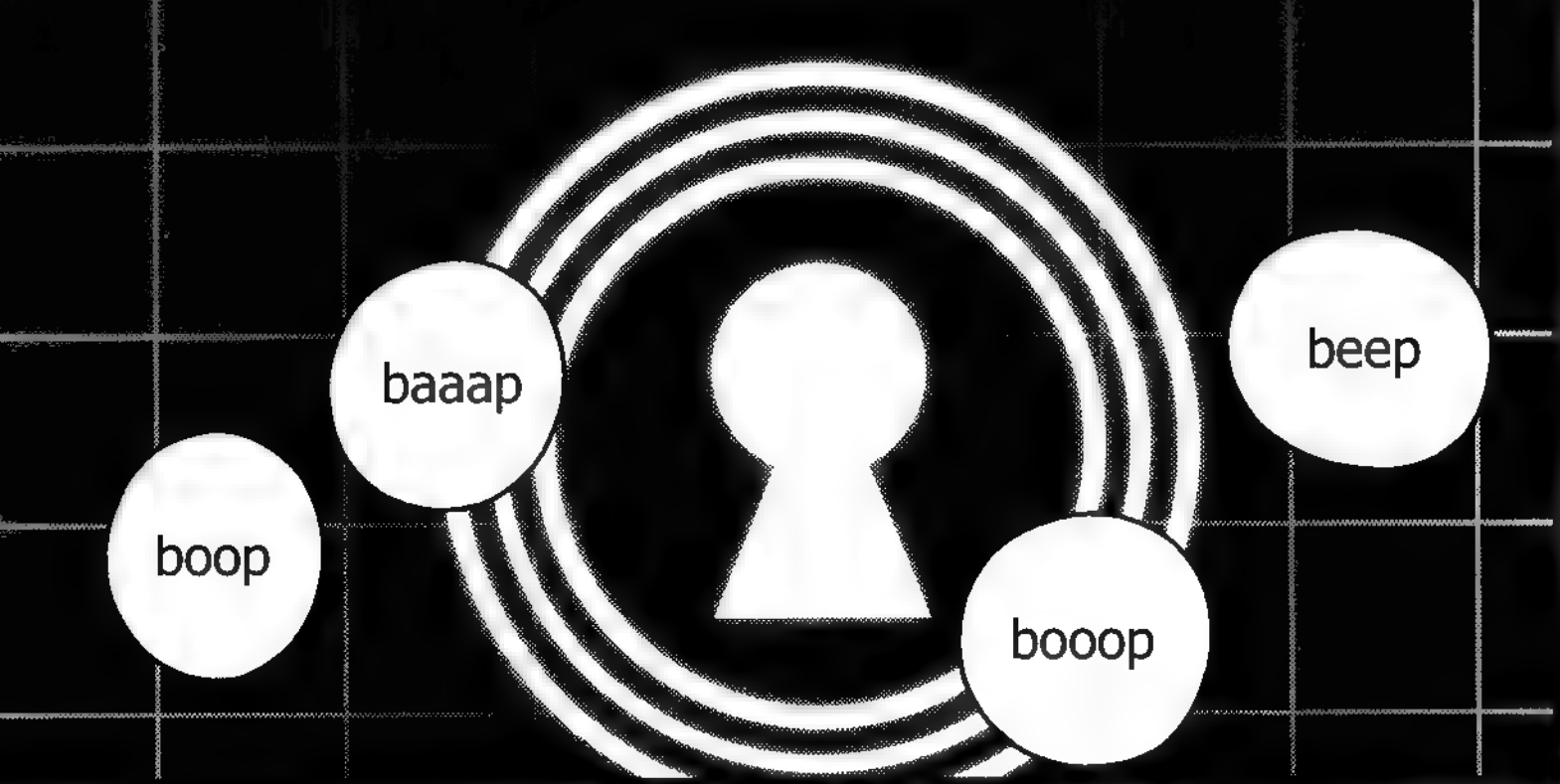
OH,  
I SEE  
I SEE!



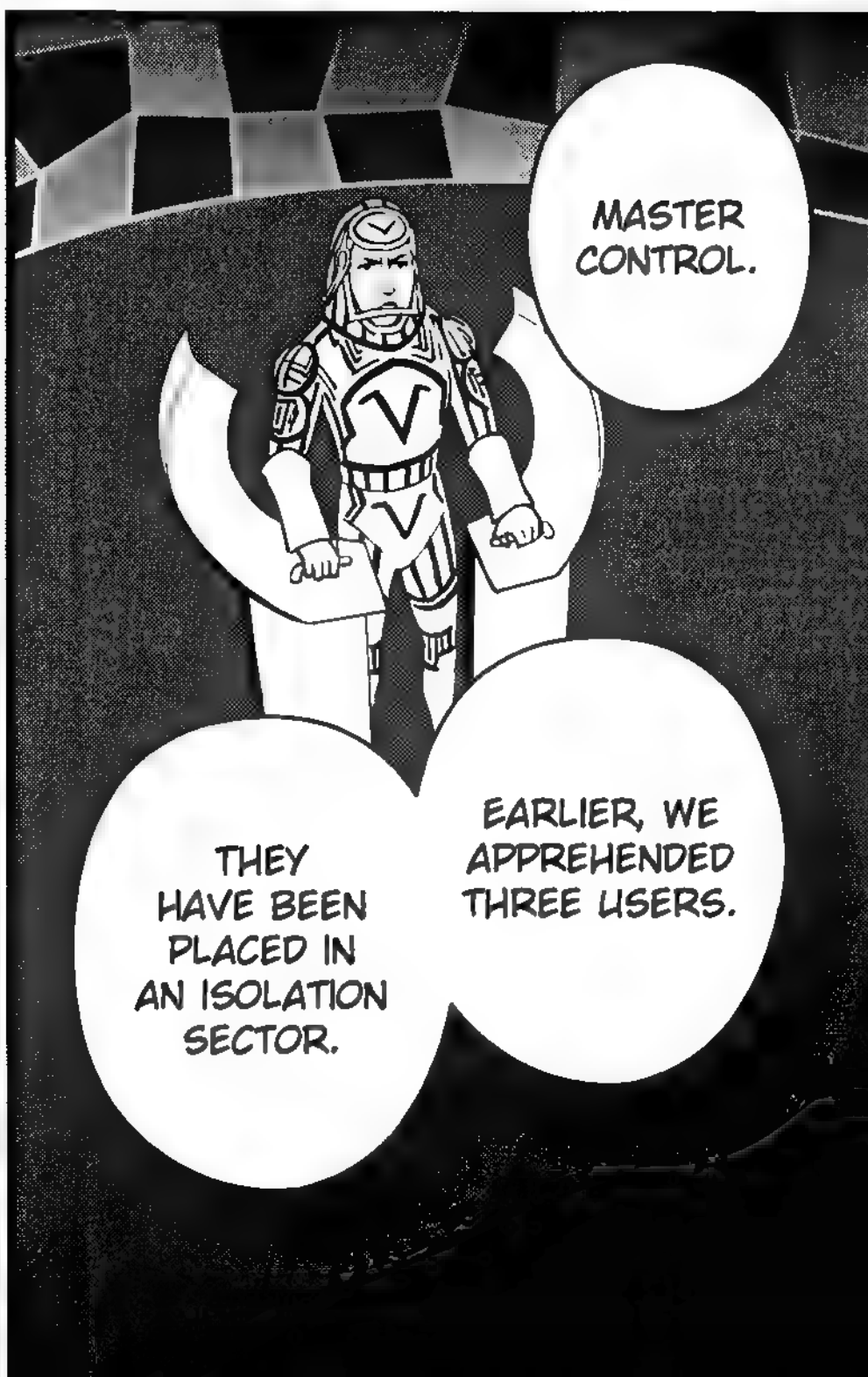
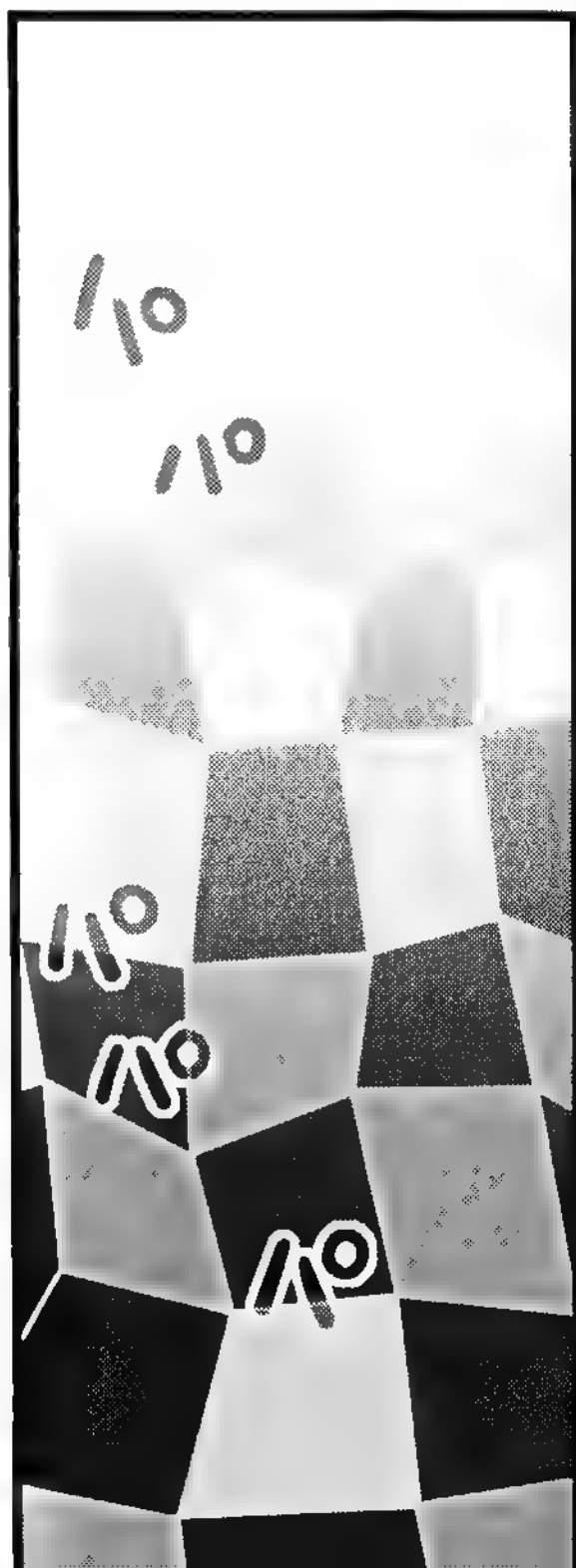
OH?

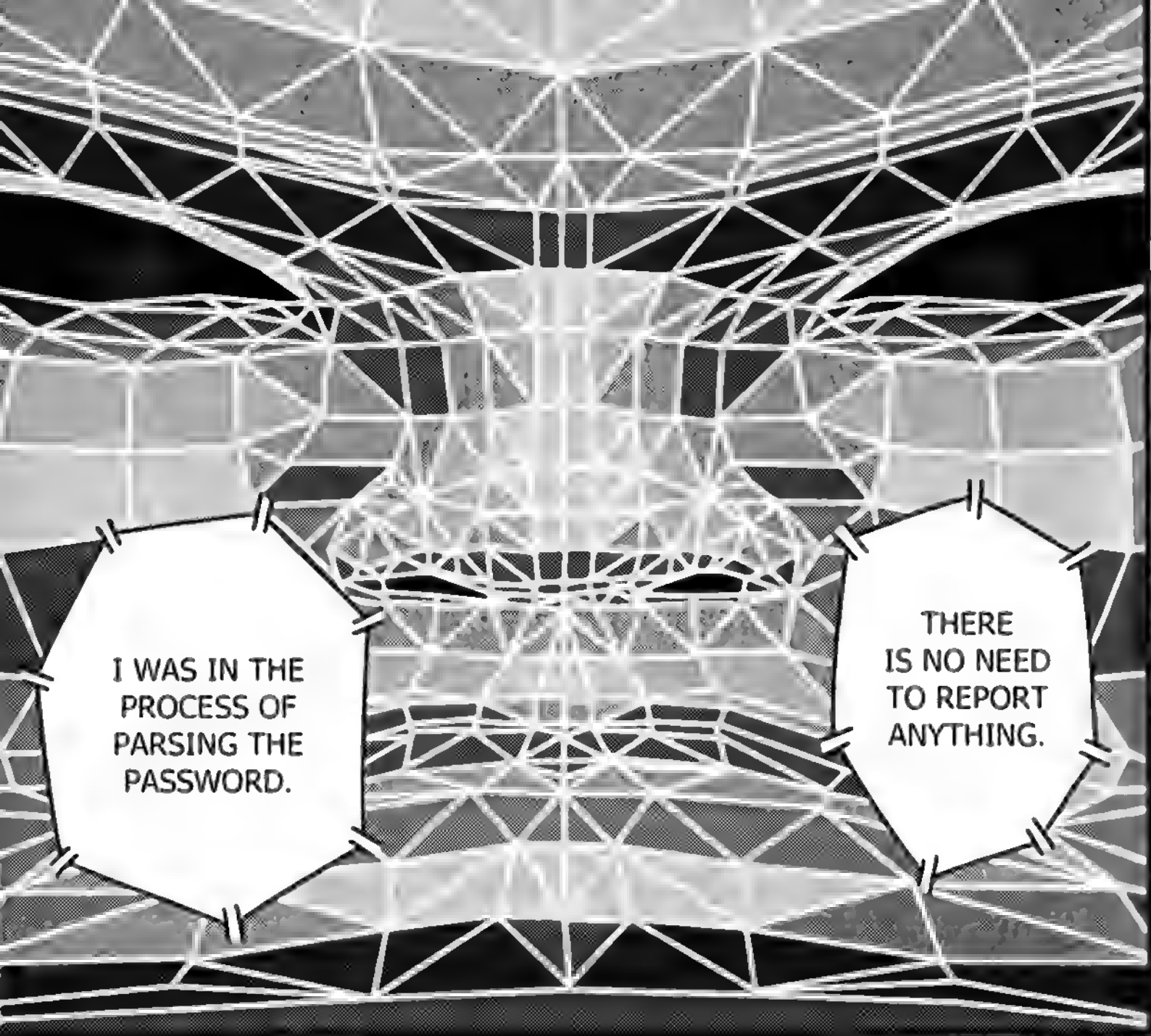






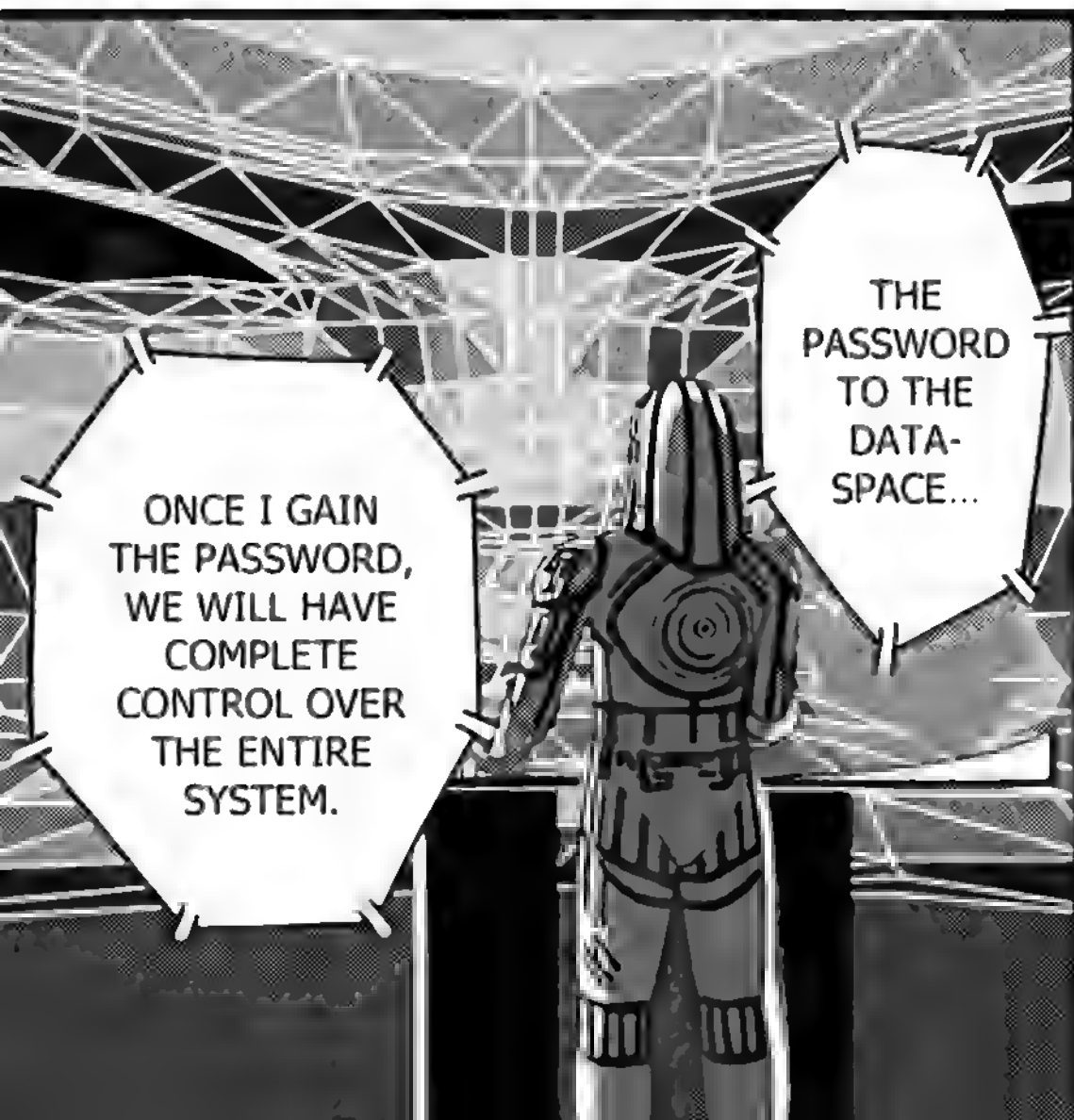






I WAS IN THE  
PROCESS OF  
PARSING THE  
PASSWORD.

THERE  
IS NO NEED  
TO REPORT  
ANYTHING.




ONCE I GAIN  
THE PASSWORD,  
WE WILL HAVE  
COMPLETE  
CONTROL OVER  
THE ENTIRE  
SYSTEM.

THE  
PASSWORD  
TO THE  
DATA-  
SPACE...


P...  
PLEASE  
EXCUSE MY  
INTER-  
RUPTION.





THAT IS  
OUT OF THE  
QUESTION!

!!



SURELY  
YOU MUST  
BE ABLE TO  
WITH THE  
AMOUNT OF  
PROCESSING  
POWER YOU  
POSSESS...

CAN YOU  
NOT MERELY  
EXTRACT  
THE INFO  
OUT OF  
TRON?



HMPH.

I...BEG  
FOR YOUR...  
FORGIVENESS  
...!



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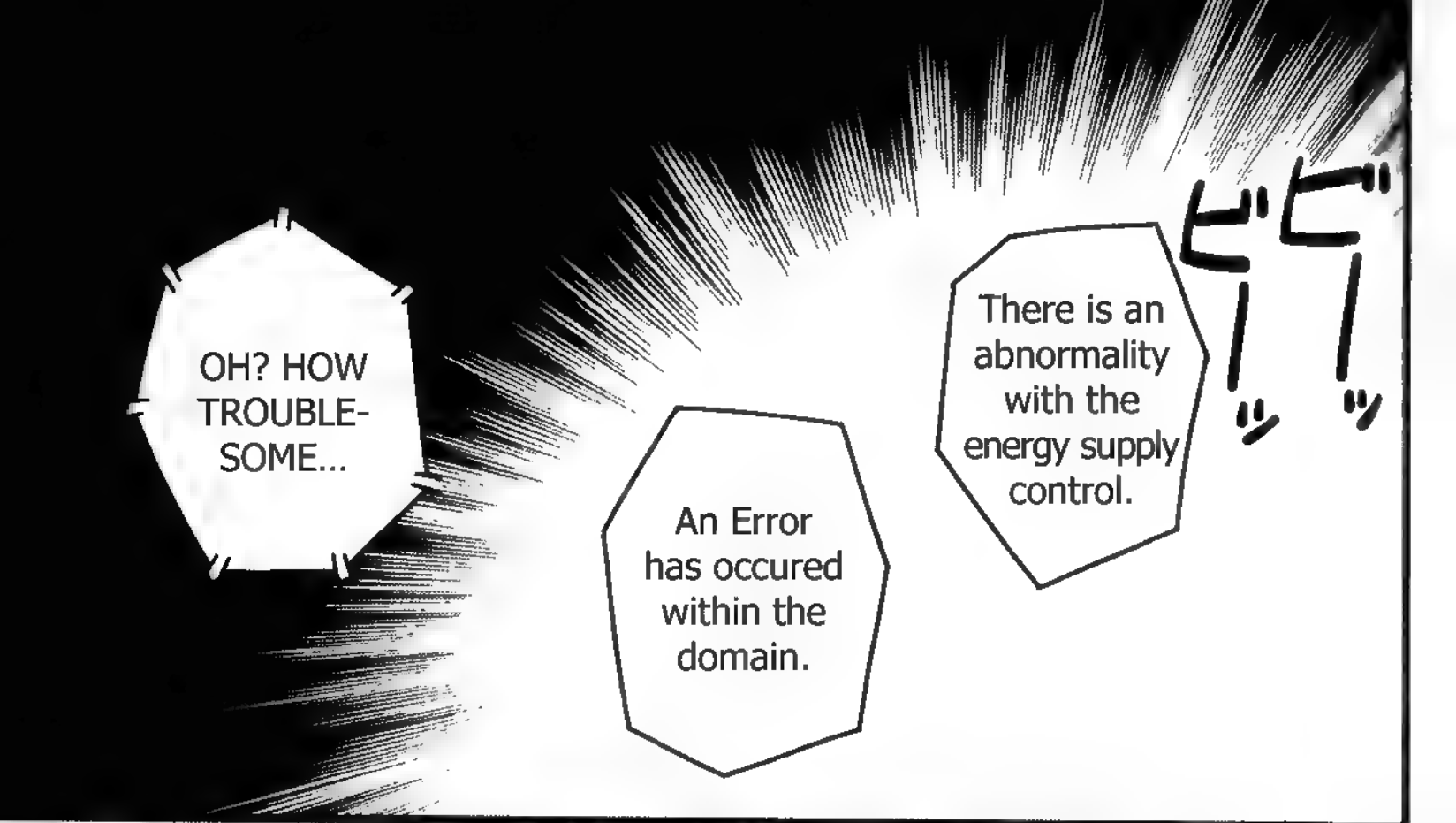
...ALONG  
WITH  
TRON!

YOU'LL SEE...  
ONCE I HAVE THE  
PASSWORD, I WILL  
HAVE THE POWER  
TO DELETE  
PROGRAMS LIKE  
YOU...

DO NOT  
UNDER-  
ESTIMATE  
ME.

.....  
YES...






OH? HOW  
TROUBLE-  
SOME...

An Error  
has occurred  
within the  
domain.

There is an  
abnormality  
with the  
energy supply  
control.

!!  
!!



YOU ARE TO  
'TAKE CARE'  
OF ALL THE  
ABNORMALITIES  
IN THE SYSTEM,  
SARK!

GO!



UNDER-  
STOOD.

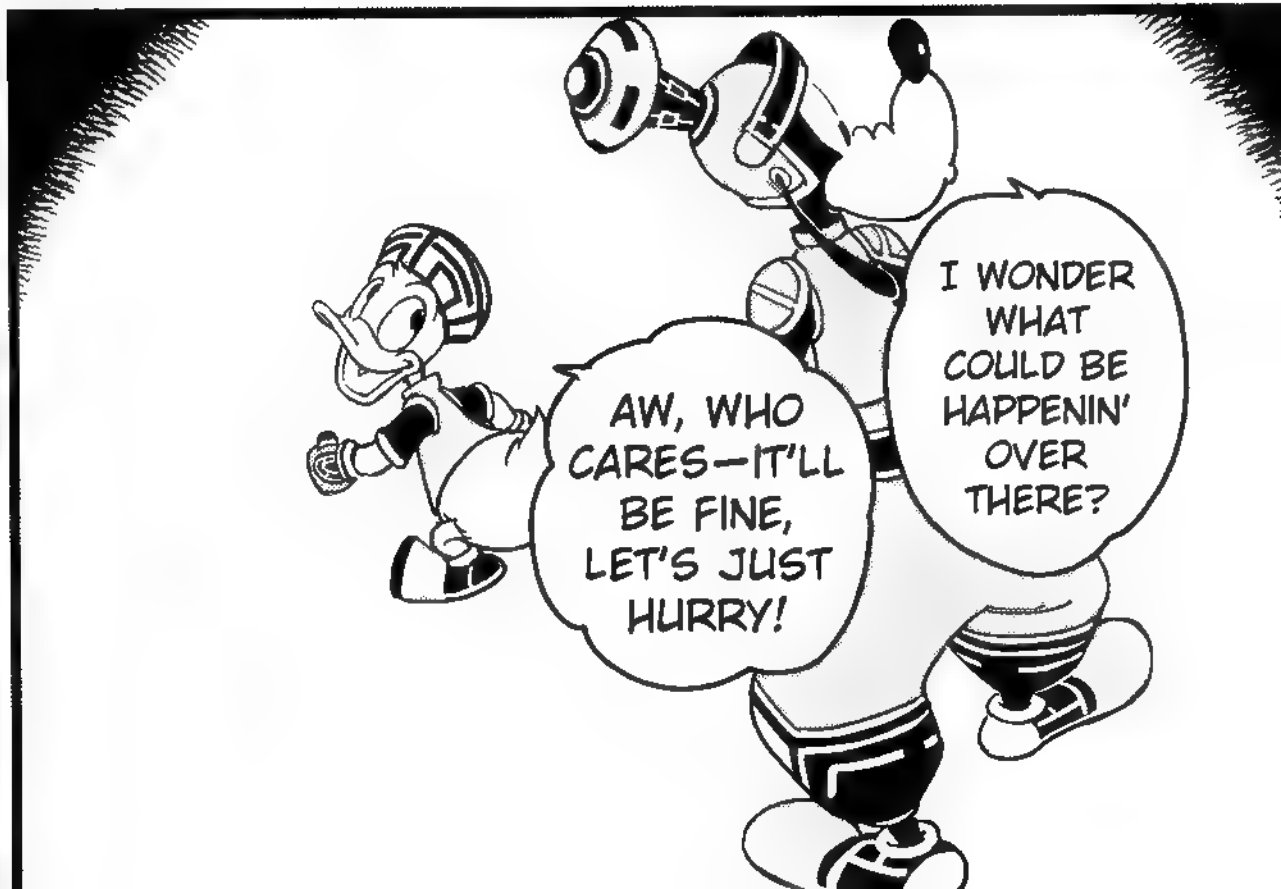
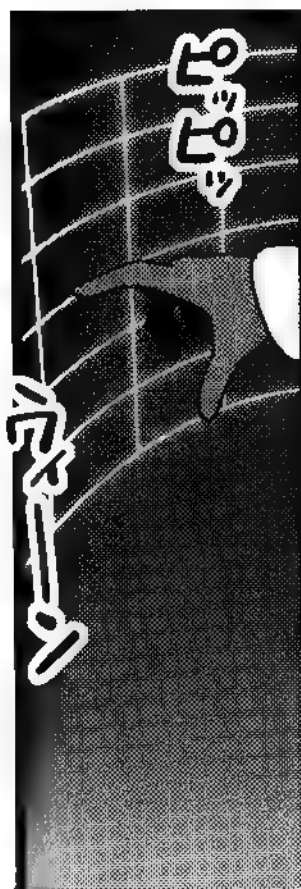


IT LOOKS LIKE  
SOMETHING'S  
HAPPENING IN  
ONE OF THE  
OTHER  
SECTORS.

IF WE  
GO NOW,  
WE'LL BE  
SPOTTED.



WHAT'S  
THAT?




AW, WHO  
CARES—IT'LL  
BE FINE,  
LET'S JUST  
HURRY!

I WONDER  
WHAT  
COULD BE  
HAPPENIN'  
OVER  
THERE?

A black and white manga panel showing three characters standing in a circular arena. On the left is a tall, slender robot with a circular chest. In the center is a smaller, more complex robot with multiple limbs and a head. On the right is a character with spiky hair, wearing a headband and a dark outfit, holding a key-like device. The arena is surrounded by a dark, industrial-looking structure with light beams.

IT SEEMS  
LIKE YOU  
GUYS APPEAR  
TO POSSESS  
SOME KIND OF  
SPECIAL  
ABILITY.

NEVER-  
THELESS,  
I WAS QUITE  
SURPRISED.

A black and white manga panel showing a close-up of a character's face. The character is wearing a helmet with a visor and has a serious expression. The background is dark and industrial.

WHY  
DON'T WE  
QUICKLY  
CHANGE THE  
SUBJECT...

DON'T  
INFLATE  
HIS  
EGO!

EH?  
EHEHE  
HEHE...

A black and white manga panel showing a close-up of a character's face. The character is wearing a helmet with a visor and has a surprised expression. The background is dark and industrial.

SAY  
WHAT?!

GWAK  
WAKWAK  
WAK!



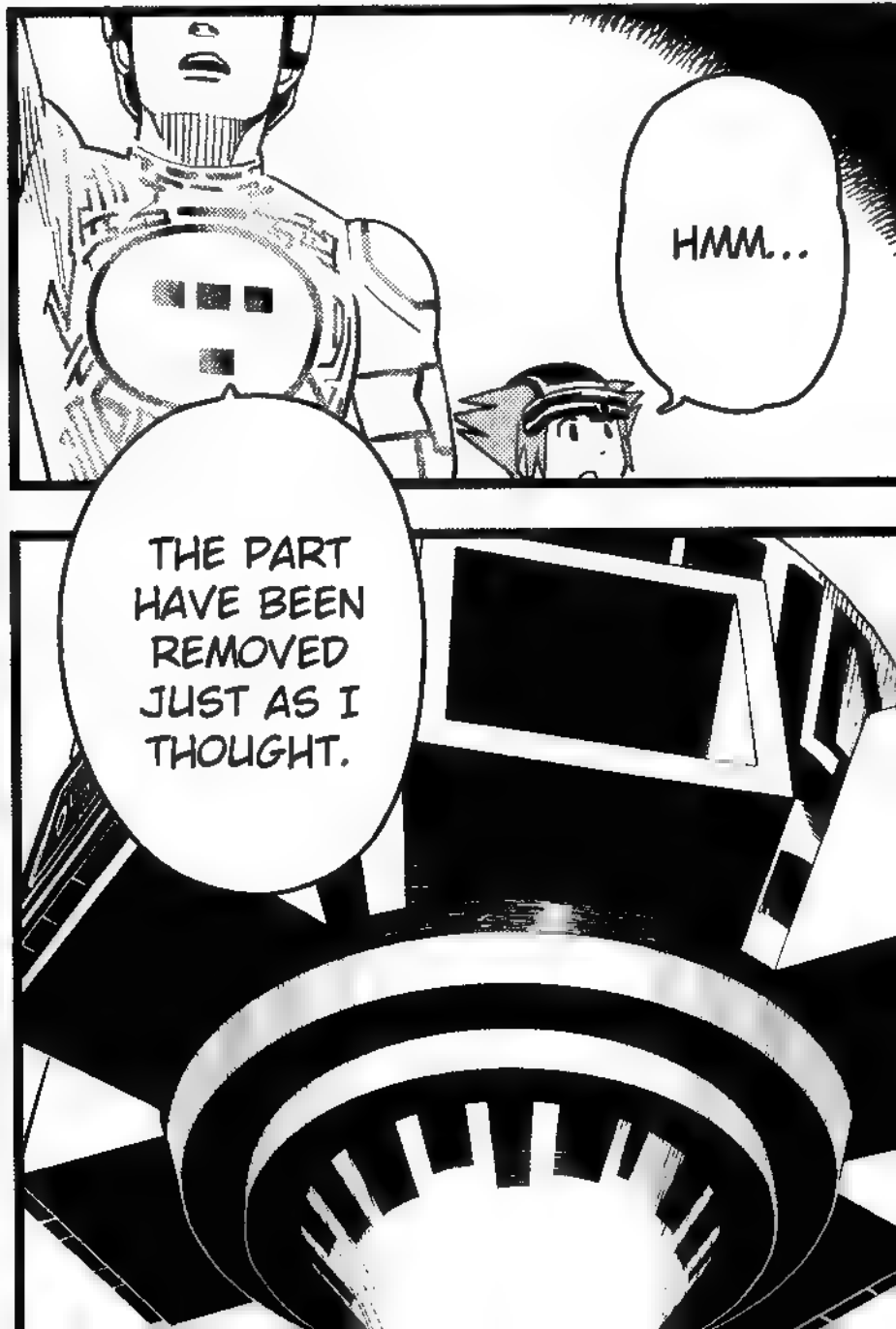


YEP...  
ALTHOUGH  
IT'S MORE LIKE  
THE PROGRAM'S  
DUMPING  
GROUND OF  
SCRAPS...

IS  
THIS THE  
CANYON?

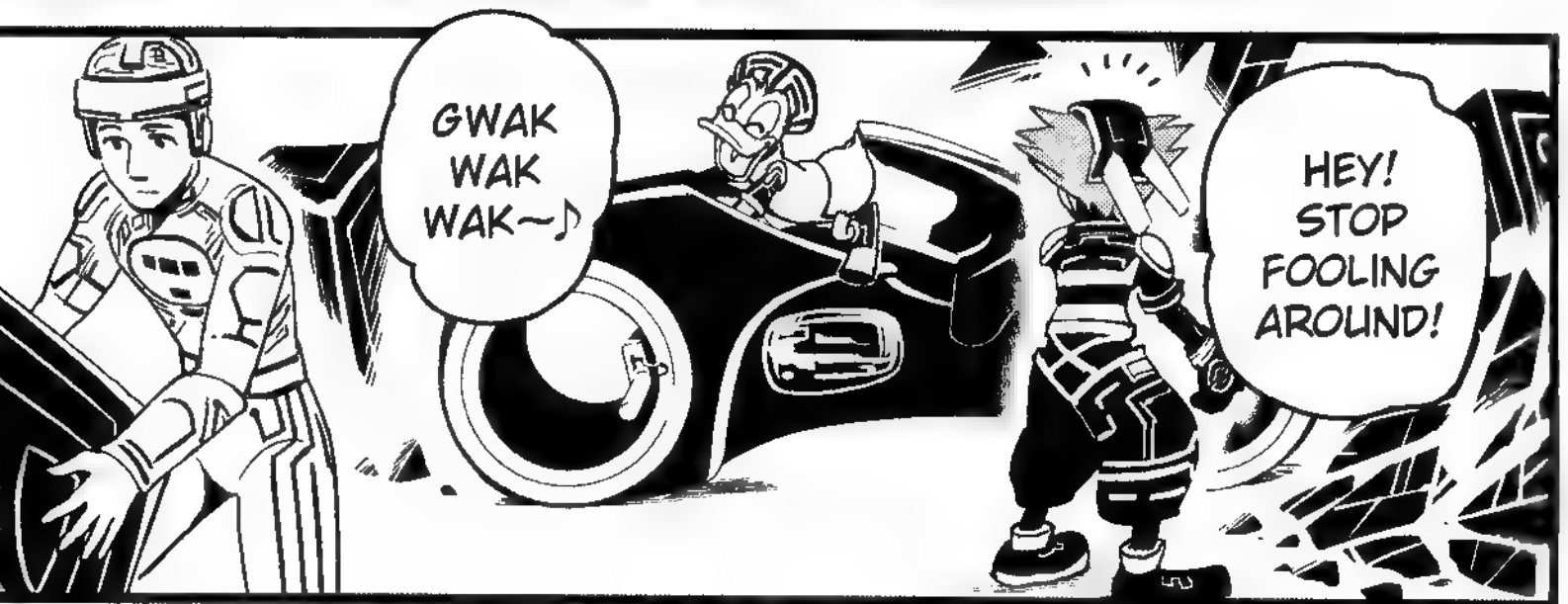
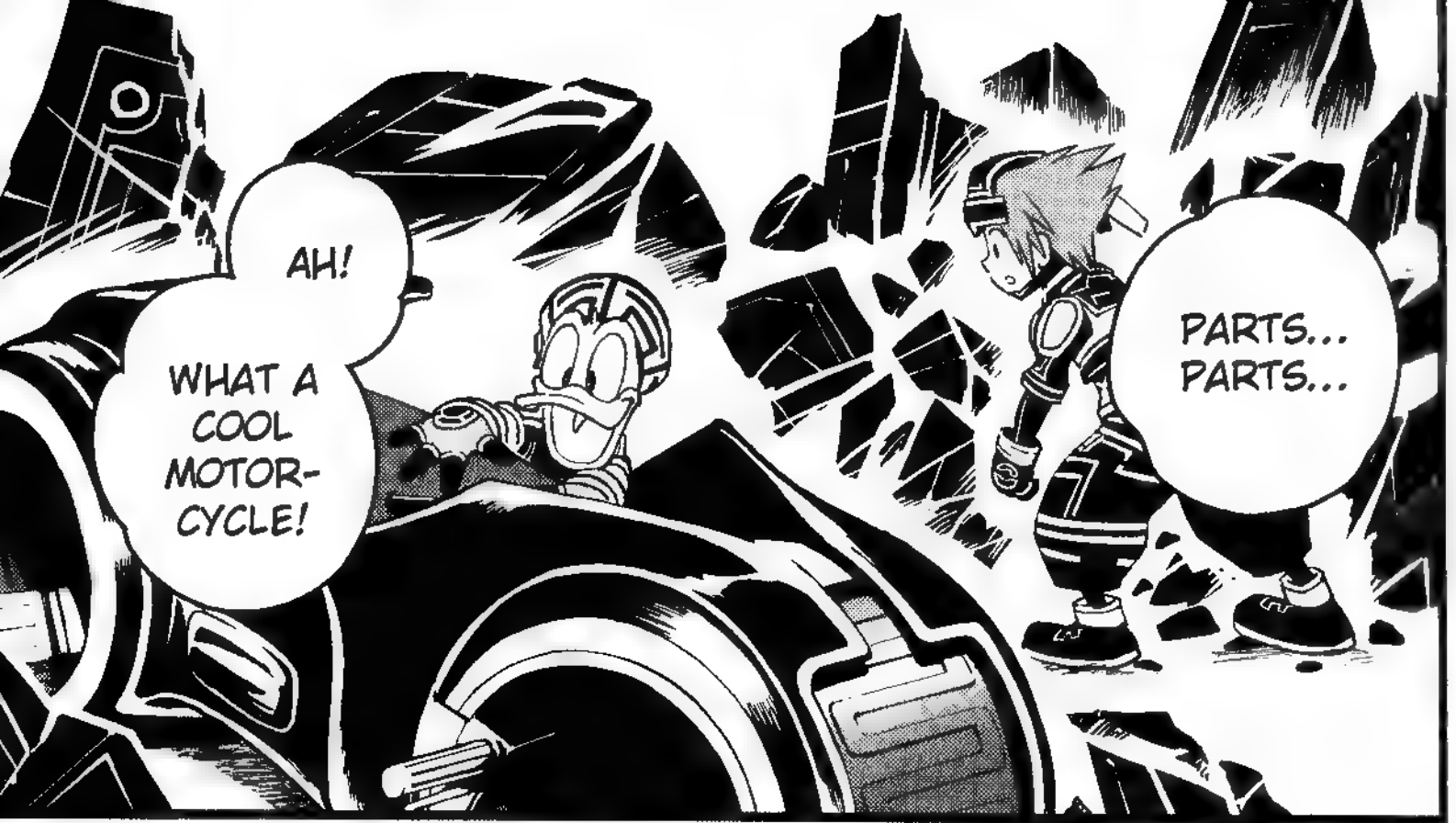


IF WE CAN  
SUBSTITUTE  
THE PART USING  
THE SCRAPS  
WE CAN FIND  
AROUND HERE,  
IT SHOULD  
BE FINE.



HMM...

THE PART  
HAVE BEEN  
REMOVED  
JUST AS I  
THOUGHT.









HEEE  
EEEELLL  
LLLLLL  
LLLLPPP  
PPPPP  
PPP!!

DONALD!

THERE'S  
NO WAY  
I'M GONNA  
LET GO  
GWAAAK!

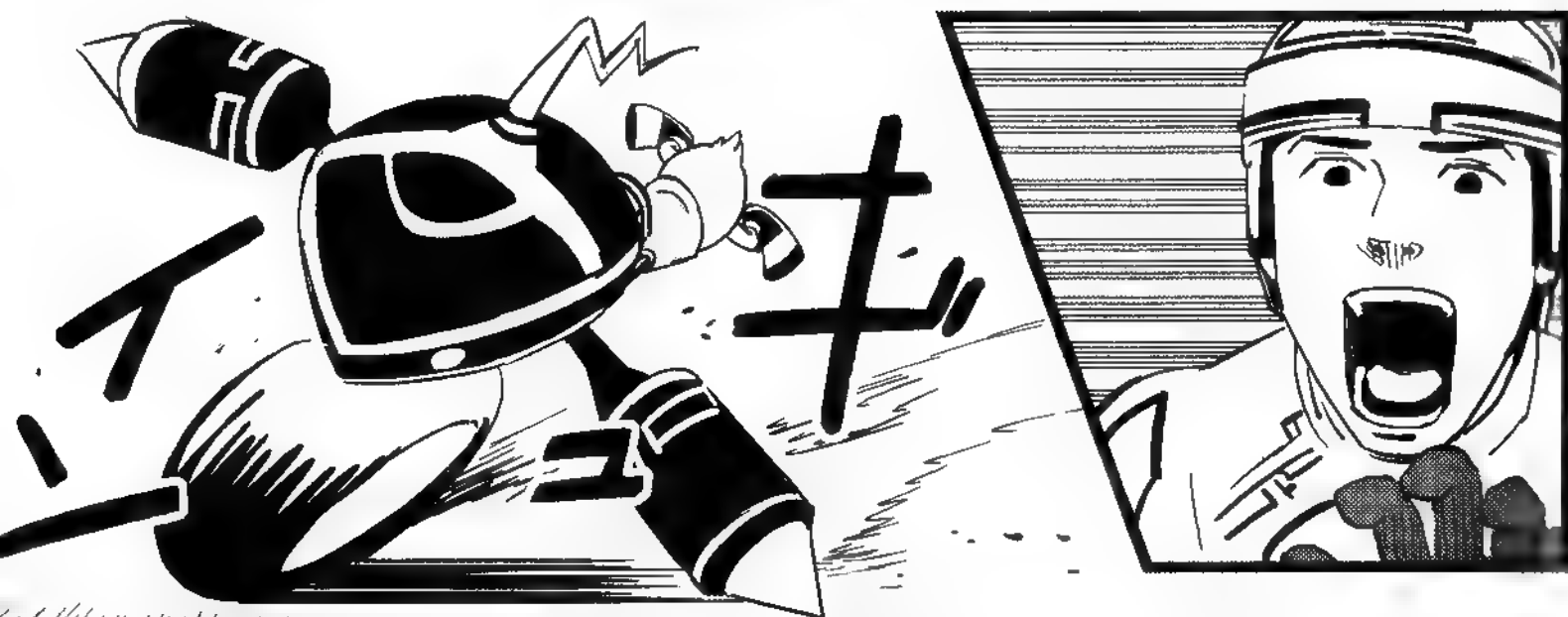
JUST  
LET GO  
OF THE  
HANDLES!



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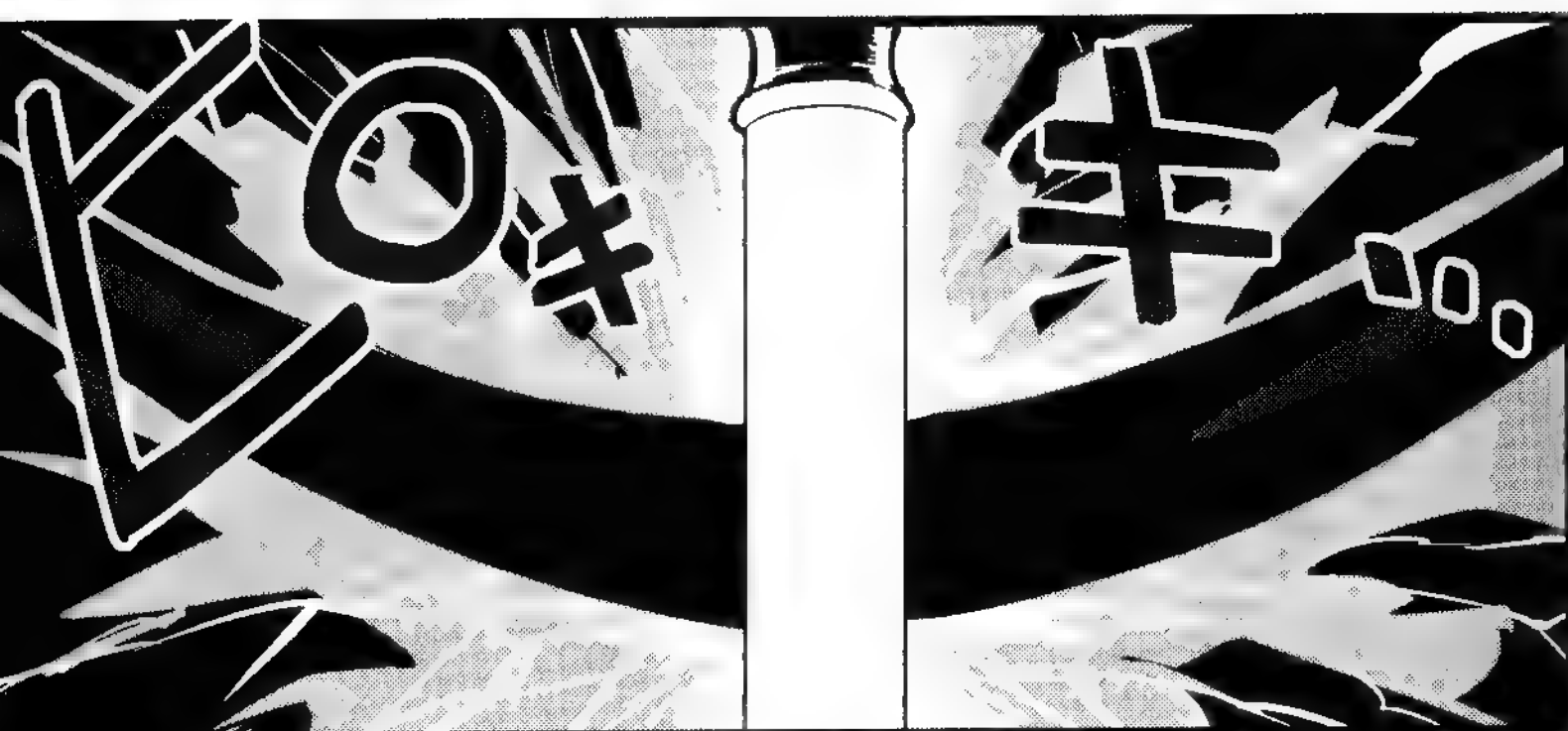
IF WE  
MAKE TOO  
MUCH NOISE,  
THEY'LL TRACK  
US DOWN!

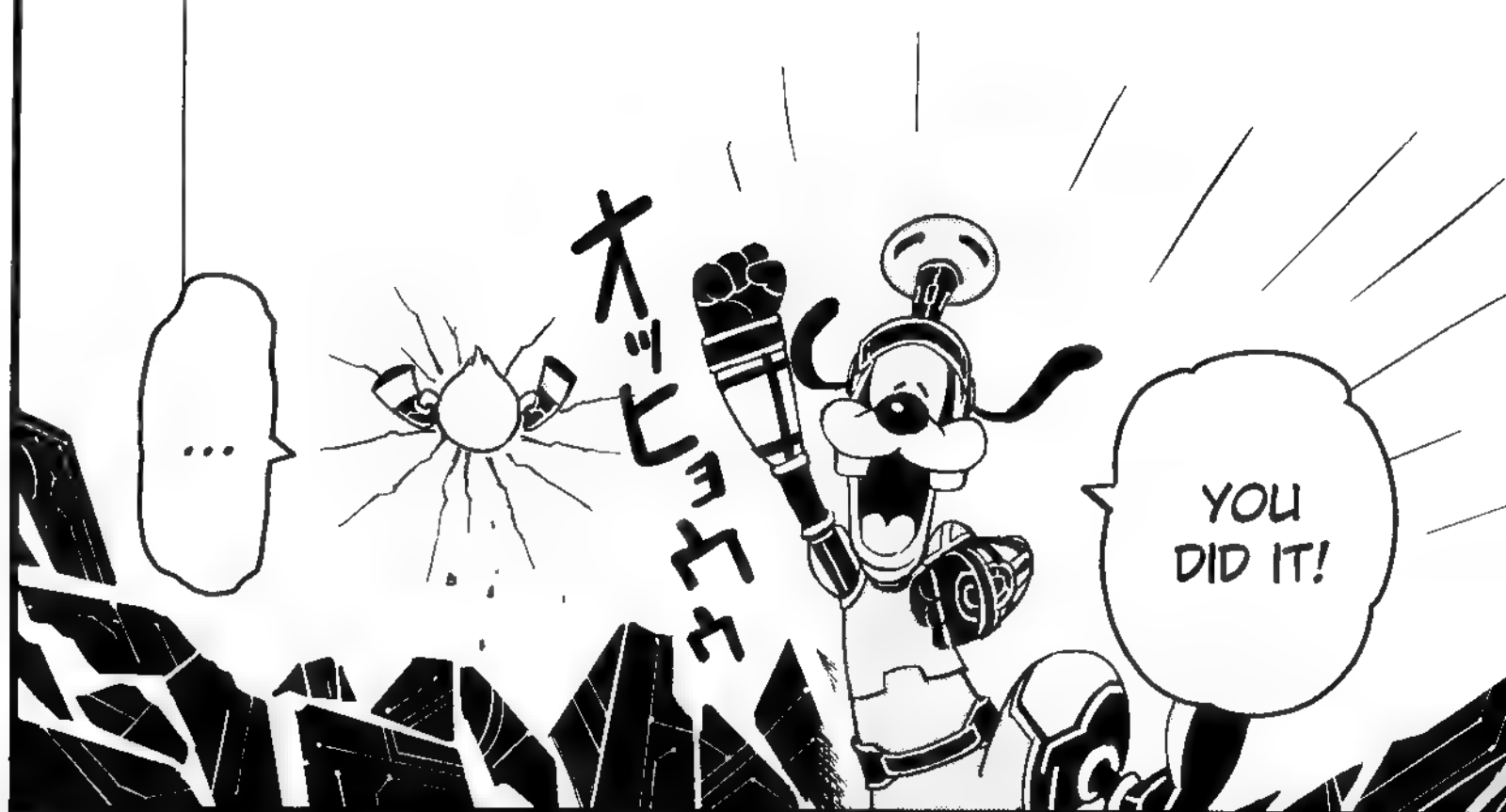
LEAVE IT  
TO ME!



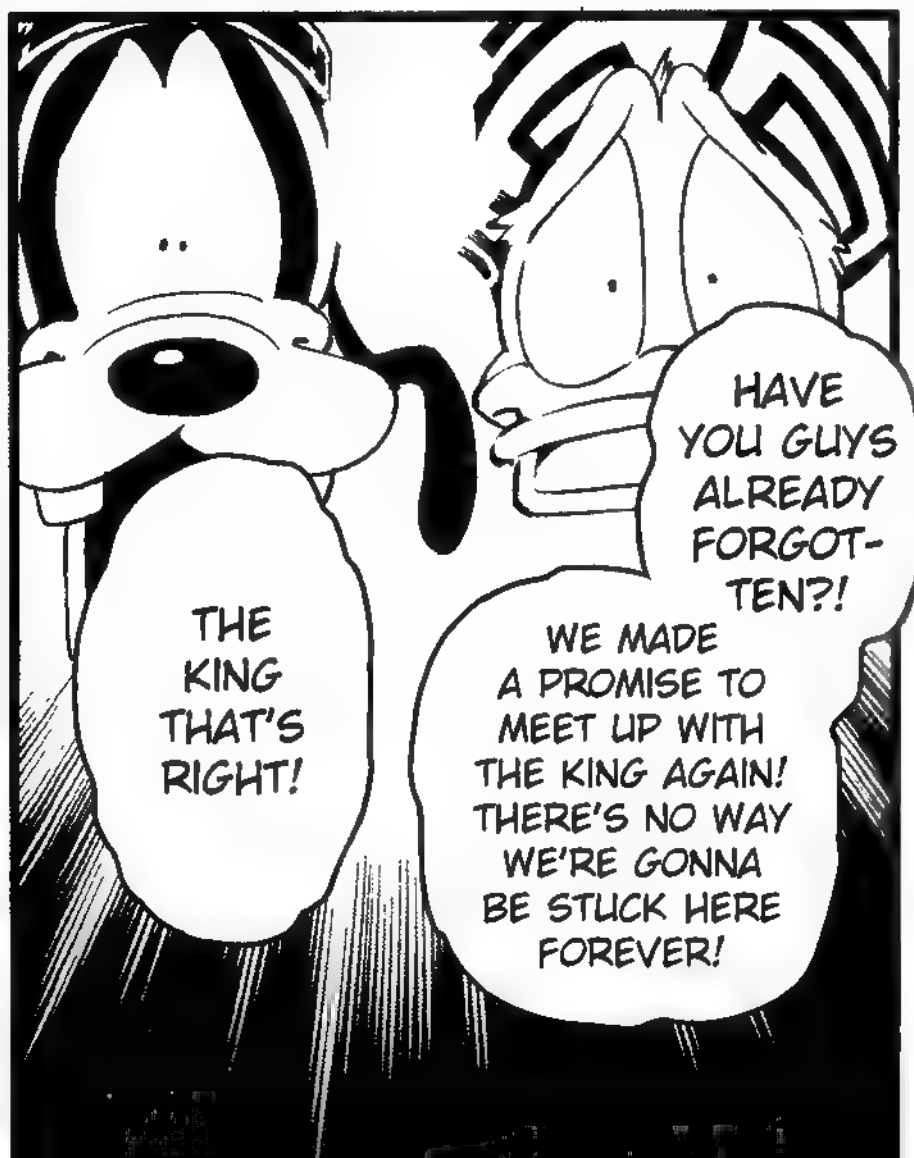
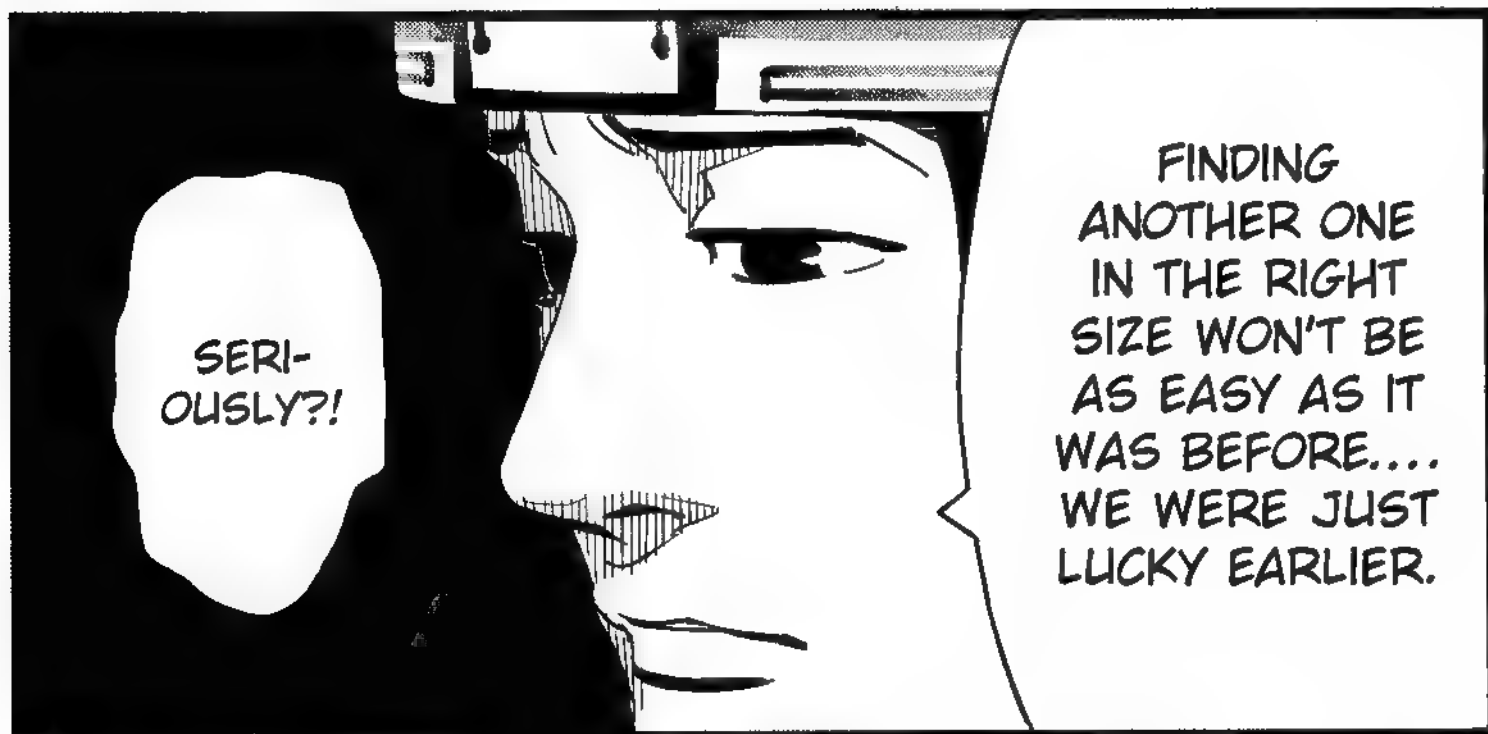


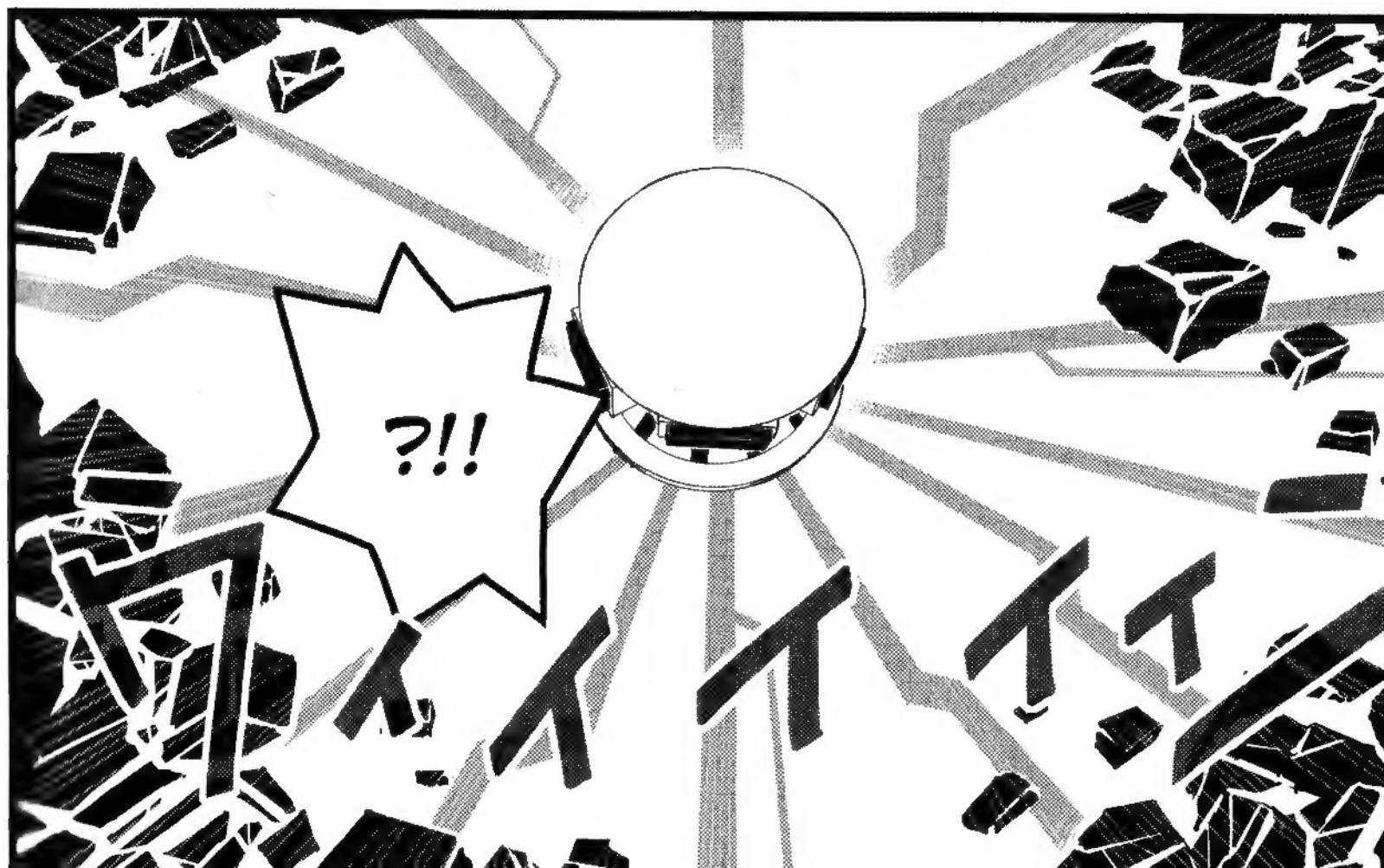
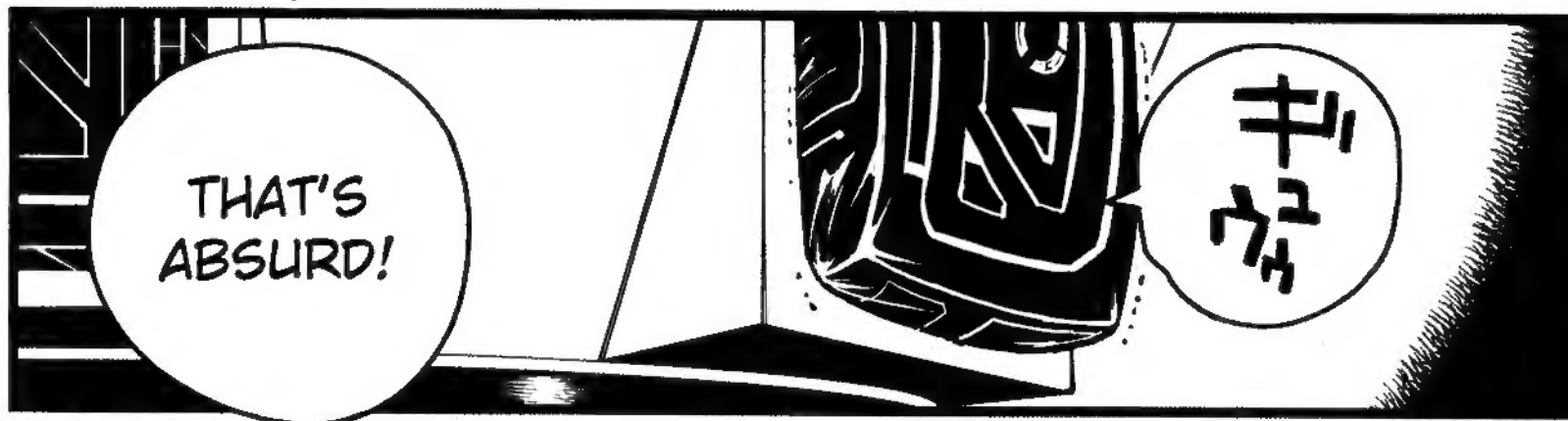
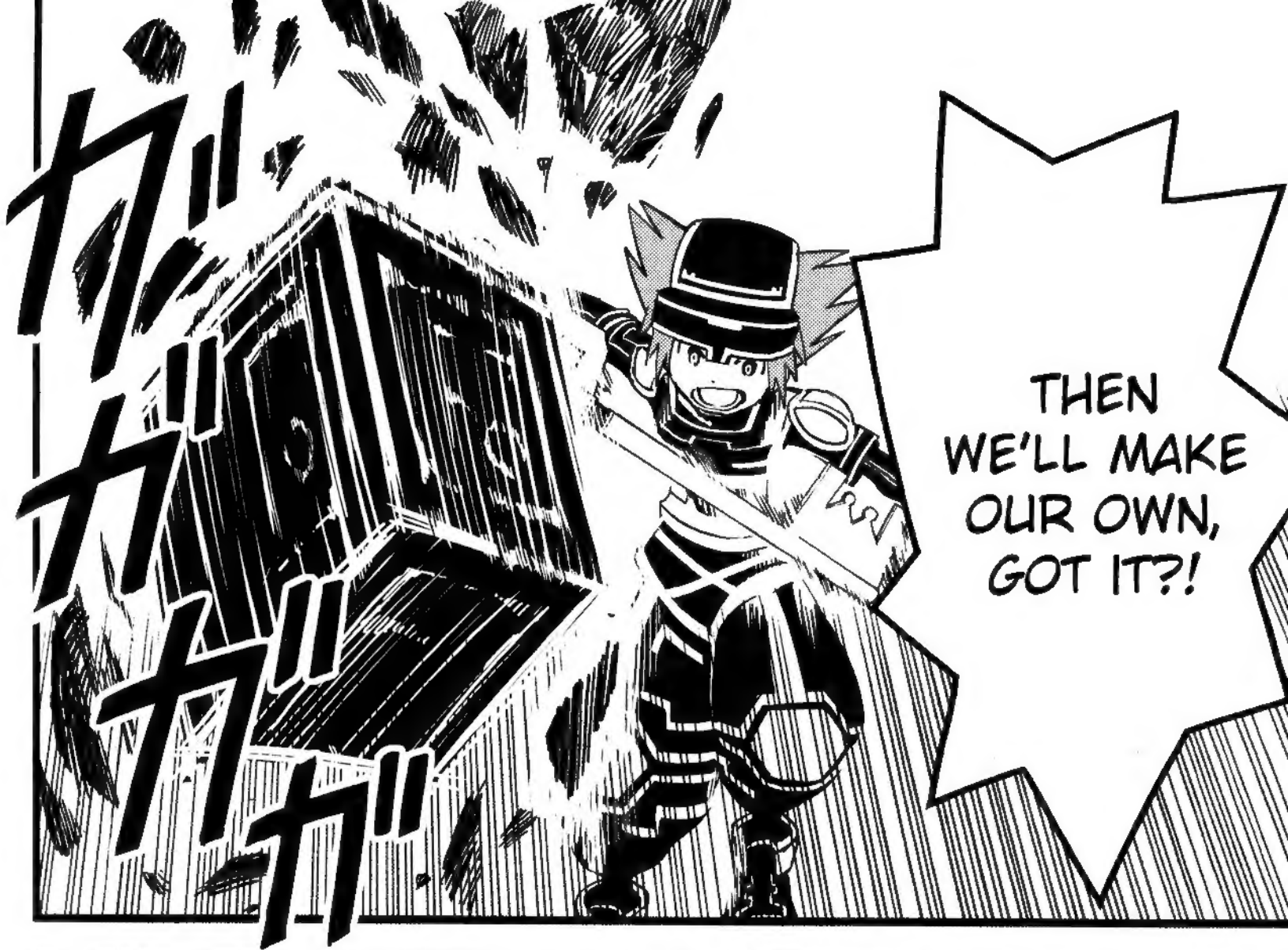


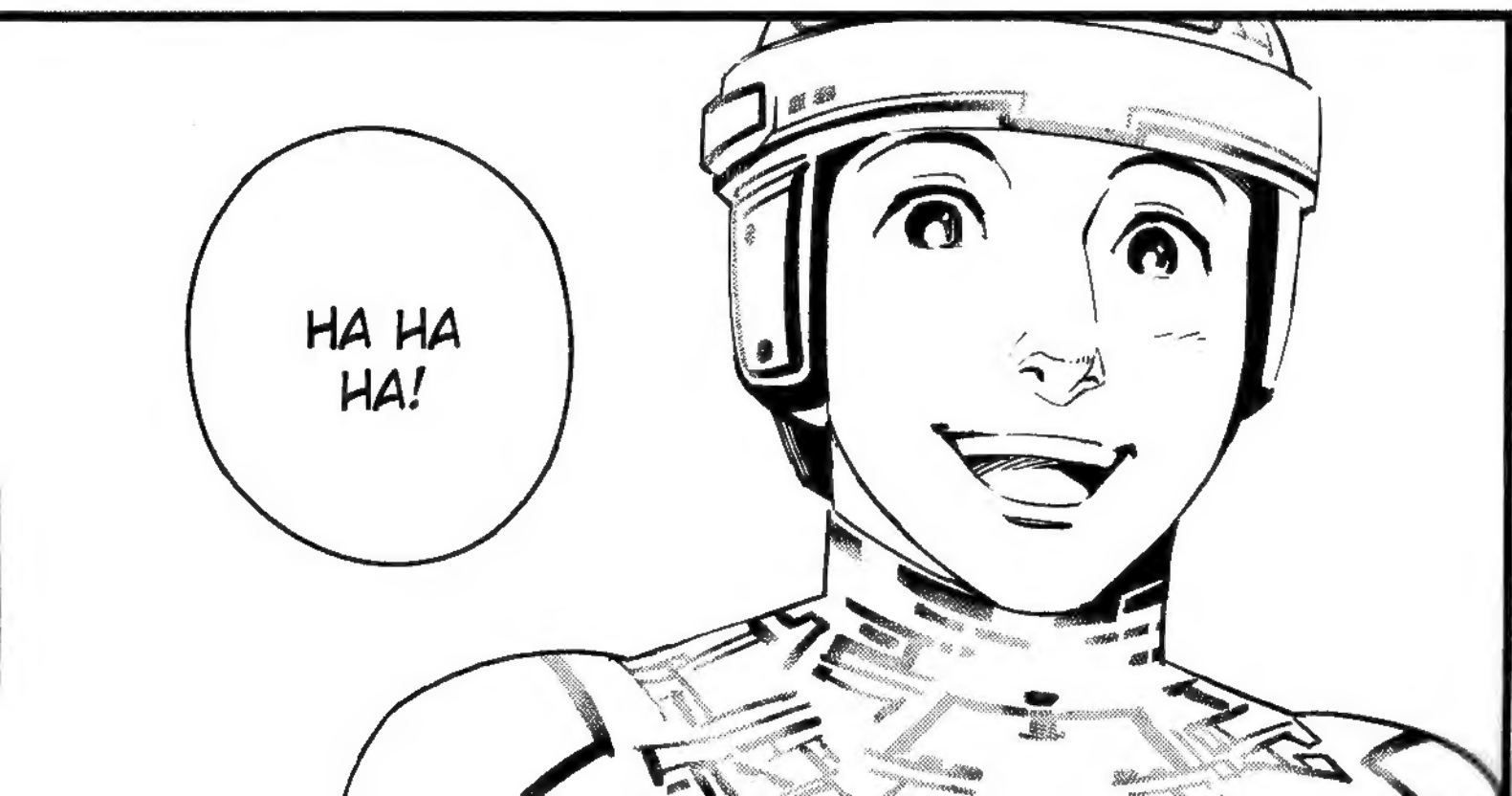
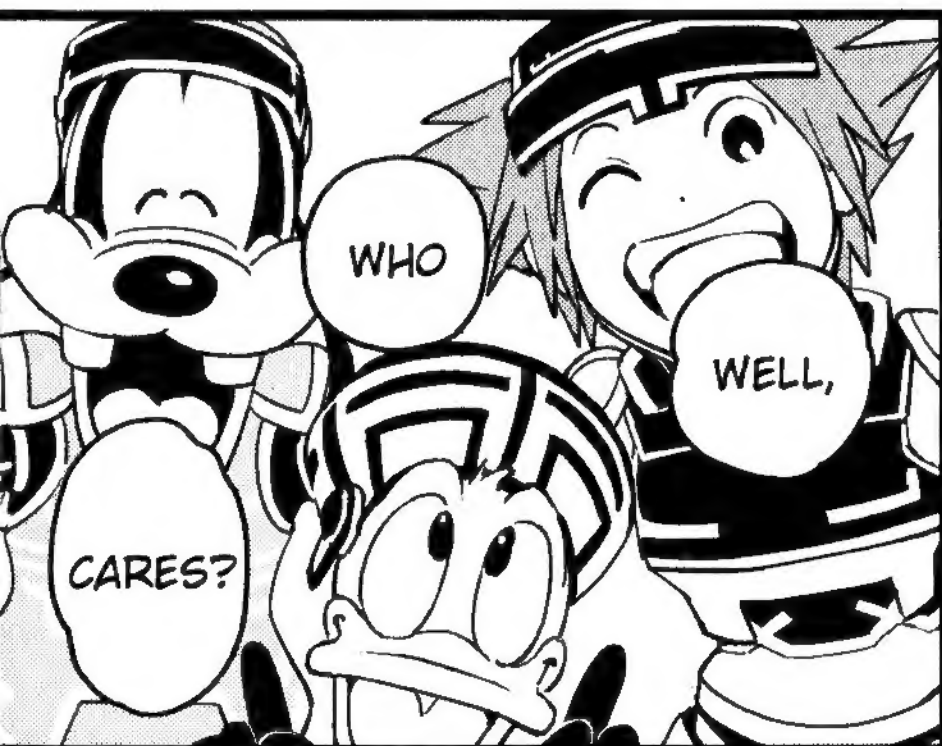
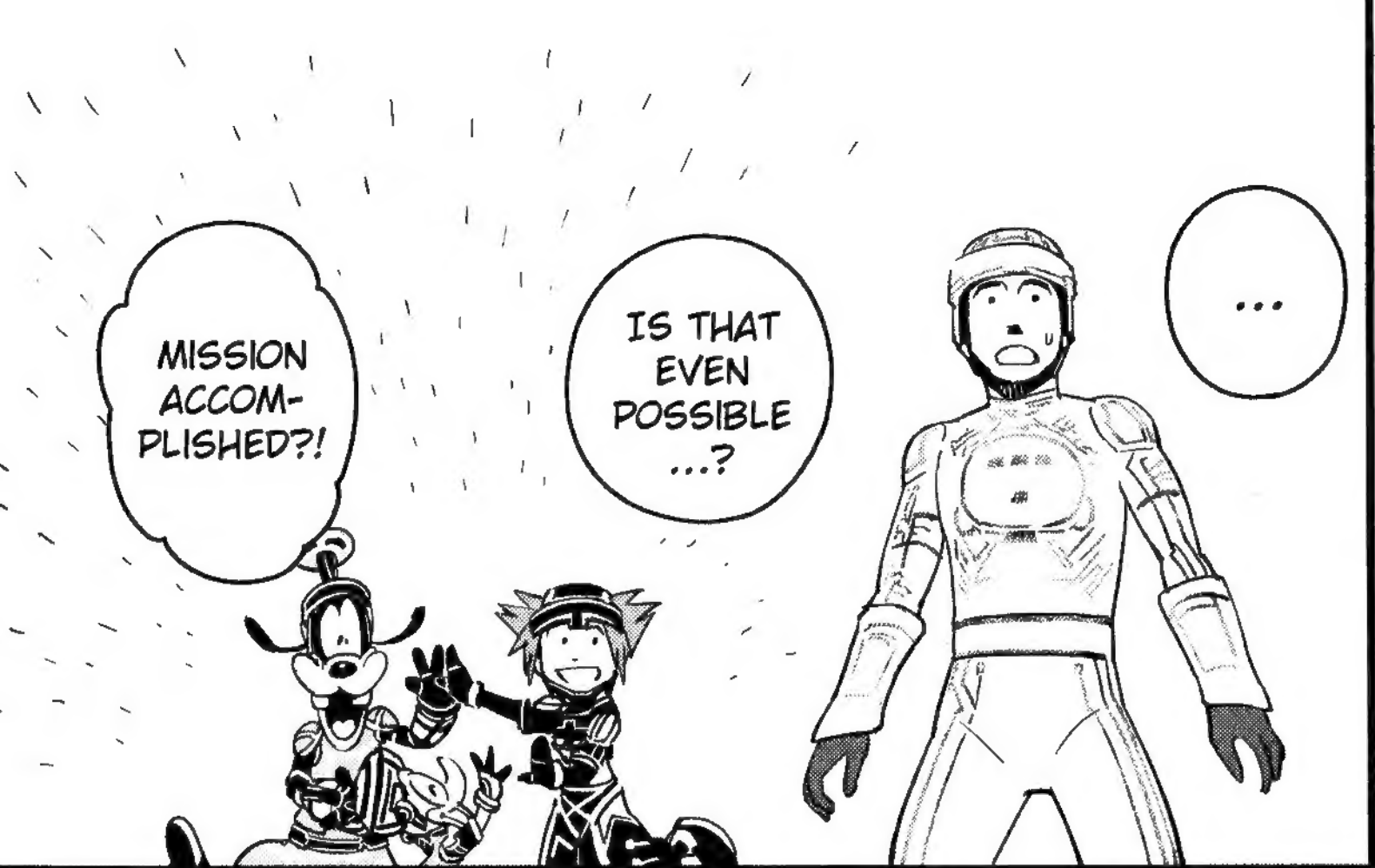




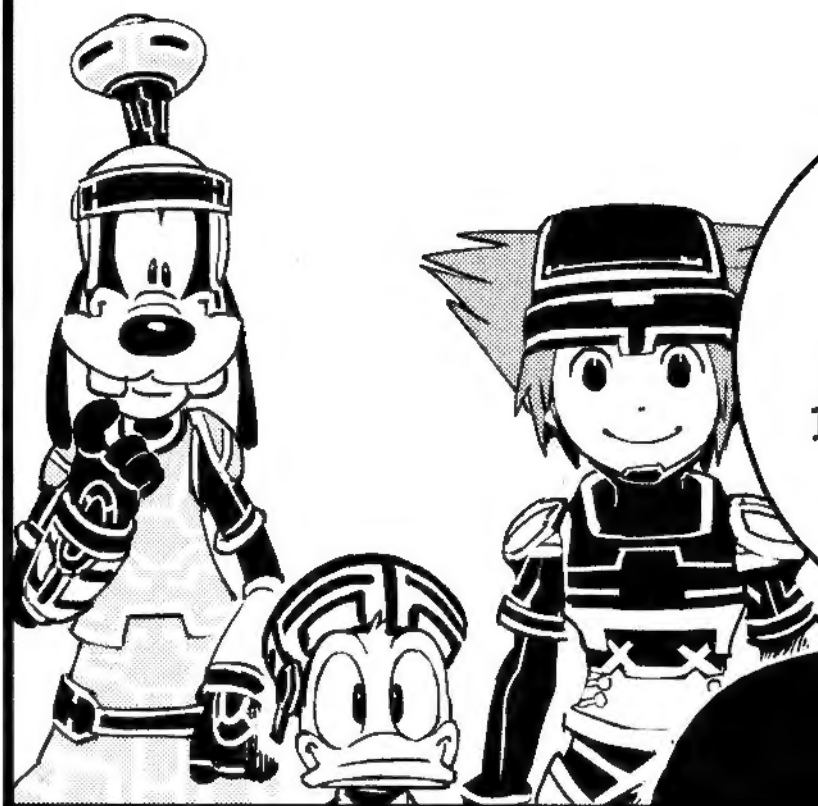




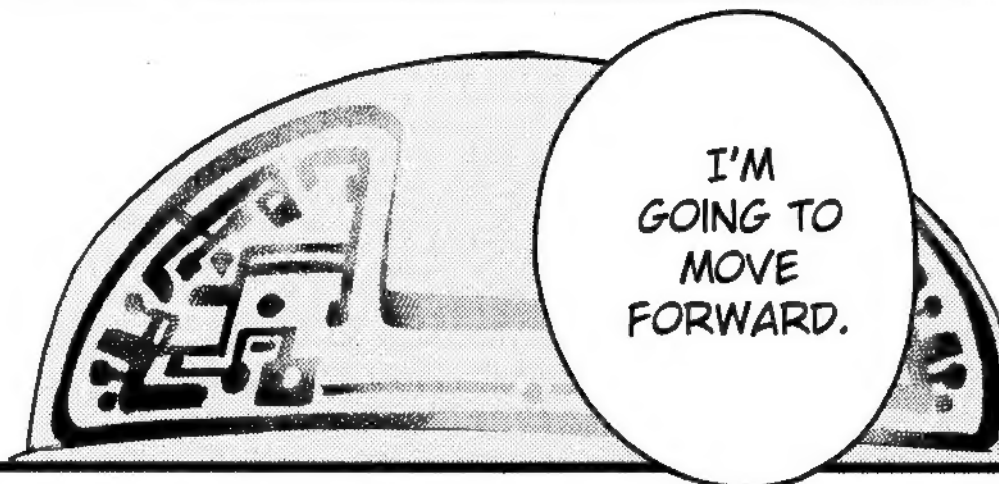




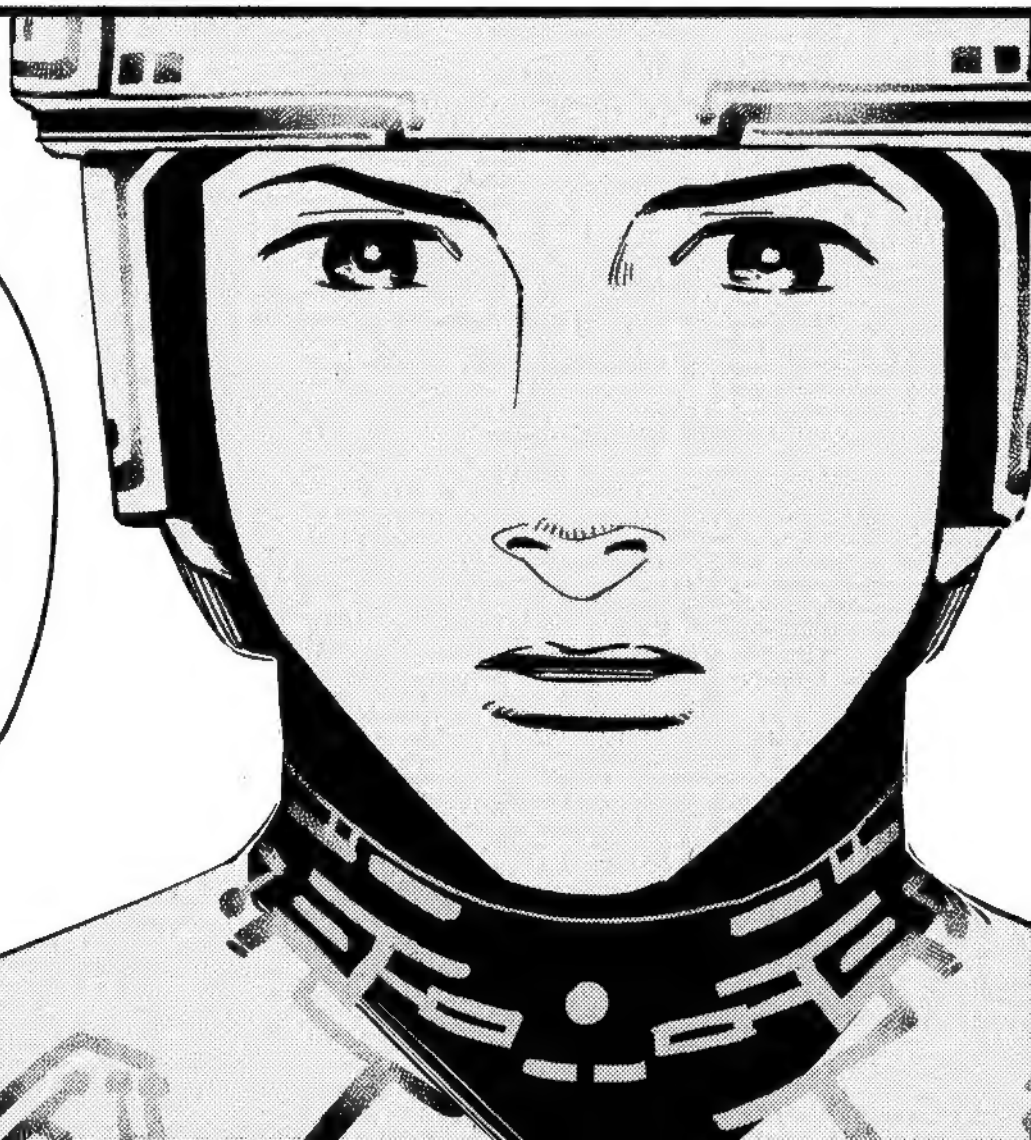





YOU GUYS  
REMINDE ME  
OF SOMEONE  
I MET A LONG  
TIME AGO.



I'M  
GOING TO  
MOVE  
FORWARD.



WILL  
YOU LEND  
ME YOUR  
STRENGTH?



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